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DAVE PROVAN

AROK WANTS SPAIN

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NATIONAL coach Frank Arok would settle for Australia playing Spain if the Socceroos can win the Oceania World Cup elimination group.

Arok saw the Welsh hammer Spain 3-0 in Wrexham and wasn't impressed with what he saw of the highly-rated Spaniards.

His view is that Spain lost their cool and hit the ball anywhere when they came under pressure.

At this stage he would much rather play them than Wales or Scotland.



FRANK AROK

Australia will meet the runner-up of European Group 7 if it comes out on top of Israel, New Zealand and Chinese Taipei.

'STABLE'

Arok said: "We have a stable squad. There is no chance of us panicking under pressure."

The ASF World Cup committee announced details of internationals in Australia at its Saturday meeting in Sydney.

Certainly the People's Republic of China and Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) will help the cause of Australian World Cup soccer immeasurably later this year.

Although poles apart politically, the two countries' matches here will dramatically spread the base of international matches.

TWO YOUNG STRIKERS STRIVE FOR NSL SUCCESS — P8, 9

China will play Australia 'B' in Newcastle Tuesday, September 24, and follow up with a match against similar opposition at Bruce Stadium, Canberra, on Friday, September 27.

Two days later they meet Australia at Perry Park, Brisbane, for the Ampol Cup.

ASF executive director Brian Emery said that the 'B' team could well include leading internationals as well as fringe players.

Taipei will play their first World Cup game in Adelaide on Wednesday, October 23, with the return game in Hobart four days later.

Playing of the Adelaide and Hobart games has been aided by Taipei's willingness to be ticketed through to these centres at their own cost.

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GLASGOW CELTIC's international flank striker Davie Provan has been signed by Sydney Olympic in the club's desperate rush to bolster its injury-riddled squad.

Celtic manager David Hay has instigated a cost-cutting campaign over recent weeks.

The Celtic manager has spent well \$1 million so far this season on purchasing Mo Johnston, Pierce O'Leary and Alan McInally.

Hay has to quickly ease his club's pay-off and by shifting Provan off his books he will go a long way to straighten up his ledger.

Provan, an experienced winger, has won 10 full caps for Scotland.

He played his best football for Celtic under previous boss Billy McNeill, now with Manchester City.

Sydney Olympic have been hit with severe injuries to Peter Katholos, Tony Dakos, Nick Theodorakopoulos and Alex Lampropoulos.

Even yesterday, their young block-busting left striker Chris Kalantzis had to come off following a severe tackle in the 5-0 loss to Sydney Croatia.

Further Olympic recruits rushed in over the last two days have been a 23-year-old stopper from Northern NSW State League club, Cardiff City.

Another expected Olympic signing is Queensland state squad striker Mick Cernaka from Brisbane Olympic.

Never in Sydney Olympic's NSL history has the club suffered such crippling injuries.

Katholos is not expected back on the pitch for another eight weeks, whilst Theodorakopoulos (out with a broken right leg) will miss much of the current season.

Explosive, consistent, match-winning Marshall Soper will make a welcome return for Olympic next Sunday in their away clash with Marconi.

TWO-GOAL ENGLISH DESTROYS WOLVES

WOLLONGONG CITY 0

CANBERRA CITY 2

TWO opportunist goals by Canberra City striker Tommy English early in the second half sealed the points against Wollongong City at Wollongong Showground yesterday.

The first goal came after 54 minutes when English broke clear of some scrambling defence to guide in a left foot shot.

Eight minutes later the former Coventry City star latched on to a long clearing kick from his goalkeeper

Anthony Franken and made no mistake for his second goal.

After a lacklustre first half in blustery conditions, Canberra came out and stamped their authority on the match with a disciplined, professional display.

In contrast, Wollongong struggled to build chances, which were blocked by the Australian goalkeeper Franken aided by stern defence from his backs.

Canberra midfielders John Mihailidis, Terry Byrne, and Tom Sermann completely dominated proceedings.

Mihailidis received a yellow card in the 87th minute but his contribution to Canberra's win already had been established.

And backing up those midfielders was the ever-present English, a permanent thorn in the Wollongong side.

Equally efficient was young Wolves midfielder Alex Bandal, who battled hard all the way with little to show at the end of the day but the admiration of the 982 people at the ground.

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston appreciated the quality of Canberra's win when he said: "I was very impressed with them."

"There were no weak links in an all-round excellent side."

Alston's comments were echoed by Canberra coach Roy Thomson who said: "We dominated throughout and missed three good chances in the first half."

"But Wollongong didn't know when to lie down. They battled

all day."

Thomson said that after the first goal he knew Canberra would not be beaten.

Man of the Match: TOMMY ENGLISH who probed relentlessly and snapped two goals to win the match.

CANBERRA: Franken, Ontong, Farrell, Mihailidis, Dunn, Byrne, Phillips, Sermann, English, Lemon (Perinovic 72), Gibson.

WOLLONGONG: Billing, Green, Condron (Kerr 67), Hristovski (Gaffney 57) Willis, Dickson, Bandal, Kotsamanidis, Godzik, Brodnik, Giannone.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc. **CROWD:** 982.



ANDREW KOZKA could hold his head high after a disappointing match between his St George side and Sydney City yesterday. Kozka, pictured above (white shirt) holding off the challenge of Mark Pullen, is in line for a place in Australia's squad for the World Youth Championship Finals series in Russia in August.



ROUND 10:
WOLLONGONG CITY 0 CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 2 (English 2) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 982.
APIA LEICHARDT 0 BLACKTOWN CITY 3 (Rowden, O'Connor, Bradley) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 1,842.
INTER MONARO 1 (Thamnidis) NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED 2 (Kerby, Owens) at Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 617.
PENRITH CITY 1 (Jones) MARCONI 3 (Jankovics 2, Gunning) at Cook Park. Crowd: 593.
SYDNEY CROATIA 5 (Arnold 2, Patikas 2, Dragicevic)
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 10,281.
SYDNEY CITY 1 (Gomez) ST GEORGE 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1,488.

TOP SCORERS

8 — Jankovics (M)
7 — Patikas (C. Cro), Arnold (S. Cro)
6 — Dragicevic (S. Cro)
5 — Colaguri (AL), Brown (M), Farina (S. City)
4 — Giampaolo (IM), Gray (M), Gomez (S. City)

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Penrith City	9	3	2	4	11	11	8
Sydney Olympic	10	4	0	6	8	15	8
St George	9	2	3	4	7	8	7
Newcastle Rosebud	9	2	3	4	10	17	7
Wollongong City	9	2	1	6	13	26	5
Inter Monaro	10	2	0	8	13	26	4

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THE biggest non-event of the season ... that's the only way to describe the sad apology for a game of football at the Sydney Athletic Field yesterday.

With half of the Australian national team on show and the Socceroo coach and his assistant in charge of the teams, this should have been one of the most enthralling and exciting clashes of the season.

Believe me it wasn't: as a game it was a shame.

From start to finish it was a nasty, bad-tempered battle with some players more interested in settling personal feuds than getting on with the job of playing football.

The attitude of a number of senior players regarded as "key"

men in the national squad leaves me cold.

If their attitudes don't change, we haven't a hope of qualifying for next year's World Cup Finals in Mexico.

Playing hard is one thing but carrying on like a bunch of prima donnas is something else.

It's a great pity some of these so-called stars had not taken time off to take a lesson or two in attitude from Kevin Keegan when he was here.

I honestly think that all Sunday's game achieved was to send

more people away from the game.

To pay \$5 to watch this kind of rubbish is daylight robbery.

Many reputations lay in tatters after the final whistle sounded, but four players who could hold their heads up high were Saints' Robbie Slater and Andy Kozka and Slickers' Joe Watson and Graeme Fletcher.

Once again young Kozka proved he is one of the most talented players in the NSL and if he is left out of the Australian squad for the World Youth Championship in Russia in August then Australia will certainly not be represented by its strongest team. Of that I am thoroughly convinced.

The goal in this match was scored by Gerry Gomez in the 68th minute when he headed the ball home after Fletcher had hit the post with a fine shot.

But on their bad-tempered performances neither team deserved to win.

This was most definitely one of the most forgettable games of the season.

Man of the match: SAINTS' ROBBIE SLATER had a very fine game and showed speed, skill and guile without having to resort to spiteful tactics.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; de Marigny (K. Falconer 45), O'Connor, Robertson, Cant; Watson, Barnes, Gomez; Farina, Koamina, Fletcher (Lee 77).

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Kozka; Stone (Ricoy 77), Bozanic (Patkovski 77), J. O'Shea; Slater, Cotton, Morgan.

REFEREE: T. Davies. **CROWD:** 1,488.

BRADLEY BATTERS APIA

APIA LEICHARDT 0
BLACKTOWN CITY 3

JOHN BRADLEY, Blacktown City's diminutive roving striker, battered Apia Leichhardt with repeated criss-crossing raids that ripped gaping holes in their defence lines, brought him two goals and laid the foundations for his side's 3-0 win at Lambert Park.

Apia were a well and truly beaten side, mainly due to the fact that they did not compete and were very loose with their finishing, especially in the first half.

Left striker Tony Morsello missed two good chances early in the first half.

After this Blacktown took full command, with their excellent captain and sweeper Robbie Wheatley pushing his side into quick, tight shutdowns and retaining possession.

Bradley scored his first goal in the 29th minute when he drilled a low, hard shot towards the target.

The ball clipped Apia centre-back Ian Rowden around the ankles and cannoned into the net. Referee Graham Warne ruled an own goal by Rowden.

Another reason for Blacktown's solid performance was their midfield trio of Brett Thornthwaite, Stuart Selvage and Stephen Knight, who competed non-stop in defence and supplied heaps of quality early balls for their strikers.

Apia's midfield trio, by contrast, were most disappointing as Tommy McCulloch, Jimmy Hamilton and Terry Butler operated disjointedly and without drive.

Blacktown's second goal came from a most uncharacteristic piece of action by Apia's experienced Butler, six minutes after the break.

Butler knocked down the ball with his arm for referee Warne to immediately award Blacktown a penalty, which Phil O'Connor nailed home.

Bradley was on the

BY JOHN ECONOMI

feet.

The little striker zipped in and touched three times before cracking his low shot inside the post.

Apia, reeling on the ropes from Blacktown's constant raiding pressure, became frustrated as Hamilton tried his luck in the 74th minute with a long-range drive, well

on target, only to see Barry Hoare easily tip over the top.

In the last two minutes of the match, Apia had two excellent shots by substitute Tony Genevese, but on both occasions Hoare excelled.

Besides Blacktown's very solid team effort and Bradley's outstanding display, left-back

Martin Bourke rates a special mention.

The 18-year-old covered his flank superbly and on numerous occasions concentrated on coming away with the ball to launch Blacktown raids.

Bourke must be rushed into the Australian squad to go to Russia for the World Youth Championship.

Blacktown coach Casey De Bruin sum-

med up: "We concentrated on possession and tight marking, which paid dividends for us. I was again happy with Robbie Wheatley controlling all the stuff at the back."

Apia coach Fil Bottalico stated: "They were too good for us all over on the day. It was as simple as that."

Man of the match: JOHNNY BRADLEY

was constantly dangerous and penetrative and scored two excellent goals.

APIA LEICHARDT: Parks; Spina, Mariani, Rowden, Brown; McCulloch, Hamilton, Butler; Colaguri (Genevese 76), Caban, Morsello (De Caglio 48).

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare; Raamussen (Skelton 45), Daley, Wheatley, Bourke; Thornthwaite, Selvage, Knight; O'Connor, McKie, Bradley.

REFEREE: G. Warne.

CROWD: 1,842.

JURIN CANES OLYMPIC

SYDNEY CROATIA 5
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0

SUMMING up the 5-0 drubbing of Sydney Olympic gave Sydney Croatia captain-coach Vedran Rozic not a second's trouble after a magnificent match in front of a 10,281 crowd at the Croatian Sports Centre.

"It was a big result for us: Olympic missed a lot of chances and Jurin played excellently," he said.

His summary actually misses the point that, had it not been for his own dedicated effort in defence, Olympic would have romped home in the first half.

But it was certainly Zeljko Jurin's day. He began by taking a ball supplied by Rozic himself up the left and crossed beautifully for the unmarked Graham Arnold to go high and score from a scorching header.

In the 86th minute Jurin again made ground up his wing, passed to Arnold, who flicked the ball on to the post and then Jim Patikas scored his first.

Two minutes into injury time it was Jurin again. His corner found Patikas' head and a split second later the ball was in the net.

Other Croatia goals arrived in the 54th minute from winger Emil

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Dragicevic, who was on hand to tap the ball in after a wayward Jim Ziras back-pass, and Arnold again.

But the one that really broke the camel's back was that first Arnold effort, coming as it did two minutes into stoppage time in the first half.

Until that stage Olympic had far greater ball supply and were passing with a skill that made them look far the better side.

The man who did the most for them was Stuart Johnston. He worked well but unfortunately the final shot tended to go astray.

Indeed Olympic were well in the race at 2-0 down, but in the 72nd minute Terry Patalis shot high from a great position and Olympic's retrieval chance was gone.

Certainly coach Manfred Schaefer had reason to reflect on why the scoreline indicated a disaster, yet



THERE was no joy for Sydney Olympic at the Croatian Sports Centre yesterday. Here winger Chris Kalantzis stretches for the ball but Sydney Croatia defender Tommy Basic is right on the spot.

his team had played

ment and were only

with great commit-

two in arrears up to

the 86th minute.

The answer lies in his defence, where the absence of Alex Lampropoulos is most marked, and in attack where Marshall Soper and Peter Katholos are needed.

Celtic's Davie Provan won't do the team much good unless the back is plugged.

Man of the match: of course ZELJKO

JURIN, with Rozic and Patikas filling the places.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse, M. Kovacic, Basic, Rezo, Rozic, Vidic, Jurin, Dragicevic (Clinch 67), Arnold, Patikas, Odzakovic (A. Kovacic 87).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Johnston, Jennings, Dakos, Rogers, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Ziras, Koussas (Haniotis 87m), Patalis, Kalantzis (Svino 87).

REFEREE: P. Ramley. CROWD: 10,281.

TREDS TOPS

PENRITH CITY 1
MARCONI 3

THE Penrith City v Marconi match opened on a sensational note when after 20 seconds Peter Brogan's weak back-pass was intercepted by Geoff Gunning.

Gunning's cross gave Rod Brown the easiest of chances but he headed just wide.

Marconi kept up their pressure on Northern Division leaders Sydney Croatia by defeating Penrith 3-1 in this Cook Park fixture.

Peter Tredinnick made a big impact for Marconi in midfield with clever play and distribution, whilst Ian Gray was causing the Penrith defence problems with his speed and wide running.

Marconi opened the scoring in the 19th minute following a goalmouth

BY ANDY HENDERSON

scrimmage where Gunning gained possession and bullocked his way clear and fired in an angled shot.

Penrith equalised soon after, after forcing a corner. Don Campbell flicked the ball on to Peter Jones, who headed strongly into the net.

With the Penrith defence under pressure, Brown was brought down in the penalty box and from the spot Mark Jankovics made no mistake.

Marconi were now clearly on top and the strong defence of Jeff Ainsworth and Campbell kept Marconi at bay.

Penrith came back strongly after half-time and had Marconi on the run but did not have the forwards to

capitalise on their chances.

Penrith were missing the leadership qualities of Dave McIntosh.

With 10 minutes of the match left, Marconi were awarded their second penalty when Gray was brought down and again Jankovics scored from the spot to give Marconi their 3-1 winning margin.

Man of the match: PETER TREDINNICK covered a lot of ground in midfield for Marconi with good positional play and excellent distribution.

PENRITH: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Ainsworth, Campbell, Wotherspoon, Hunter, Toohey (Lloca 54), Easthorpe, Jackson, Jones.

MARCONI: McPherson, Carter, Sterrey, Henderson, Calderan, Mason, Gray, Gunning (Driene 75), Brown, Jankovics, Tredinnick.

REFEREE: T. Seacy. CROWD: 593.

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NEXT WEEK'S BIG MATCHES

CANBERRA CITY v SYDNEY CITY

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS next Sunday will have their hands full when they play host to Sydney City.

However, the National Capital side's coach Roy Thomson — always a quiet achiever — has a special reception planned for his City namesake, Eddie.

Roy Thomson realises more than anyone that the next two matches for his club against Sydney City and Inter Monaro — both at home — will make or break his side's bid for 1985 honours.

The Olympians have knocked some consistent results together so far this season, despite being hampered by injuries to key players.

They are currently sitting nicely in the top five, locked in with Blacktown City on 12 points from 10 matches, just two points behind leaders Sydney Croatia.

Steve Bryant and Jimmy Harkins, who both missed yesterday's match, will be available for Sunday's clash at the Bruce Stadium, presenting Roy Thomson with a problem of who to leave out.

Bryant was out serving a suspension whilst Harkins pulled out minutes before the team left for Wollongong as his wife was having a baby.

The adventurous Thomson elected to switch to a 4-2-4 formation for the Wollongong match which brought him dividends.

But against the powerful Sydney City, Thomson will stack up four midfielders to cut space for the wizardry play of Joe Watson, the pace of Paul Kay and the power bursts of Murray Barnes on the left.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI v SYDNEY OLYMPIC

MARSHALL SOPER, Sydney Olympic's dynamic match-winning striker, makes his comeback on Sunday for his club in their away clash with second-placed Marconi at Marconi Stadium.

Soper, who has missed the last two matches serving a suspension, will add very much needed fire-power to a depleted Sydney Olympic outfit.

As well as Soper, Olympic is expected to play a newly-signed stopper from Northern NSW State League club, Cardiff City.

Following some recent solid victories Marconi have climbed to second spot on the NSL ladder just behind Sydney Croatia.

But despite Sydney Olympic's severe 5-0 loss yesterday against League leaders Sydney Croatia, the final scoreline was not a true indication of the match.

Olympic's captain, Peter Raskopoulos, told ASW last night: "We had at least double the chances Croatia had. They took theirs and we didn't."

Marconi will have back David Lowe who missed yesterday's match against Penrith City due to illness in his family.

Marconi's defence line of Carter, Calderan, Henderson and Lee Sterrey, could have a busy afternoon against the Olympic strike-line of Patalis, Soper and Kalantzis.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

BLACKTOWN v WOLLONGONG

BLACKTOWN CITY will play hosts to the visiting Wollongong City next Sunday at the Gabble Stadium and will start favourites following their excellent display yesterday against Apia.

Casey De Bruin, Blacktown's thorough coach, has done a marvellous job with his squad so far this season.

He has them playing to a tailored system, styled for each of their opponents and at the same time has some of his players performing well above their natural ability.

One such blossoming youngster is Blacktown's left-back Martin Bourke, who has developed dramatically under De Bruin's guidance.

Despite his youthful age, this teenage defender already shows a great degree of maturity and responsibility from his area of the pitch.

Captain and sweeper Robbie Wheatley, always a stylistic defender, has improved even further with his switch-play from the back to instigate Blacktown raids.

Johnny Bradley, Stephen Knight and Brett Thorntwaite have all settled down to consistent form, not to mention striker Johnny McKie, who constantly keeps moving around dragging defenders about to create gaps for his team-mates.

Wollongong's coach, former World Cup striker Adrian "Noddy" Alston, has a big job ahead of him to lift his young side to do battle against De Bruin's well-oiled machine.

Alex Bundalo, Peter Kotamanidis, Bernie Godzik and Peter Willis will have to bite the bullet against their more formidable opponents if they are serious about salvaging something for Wollongong from this match.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE v INTER MONARO

THIS week's battle at St George Stadium between Saints and Inter Monaro will prove to be a real contest.

Both sides are desperate for points in order to steer clear of relegation.

Although such danger is not as yet prevalent for the esteemed Saints, if they don't pull their socks up soon it could well become a reality.

As yet English import Trevor Morgan has struggled in his attempt to adapt to the Australian style of play but given time he may well pay off some of the investment.

Inter Monaro can prove to be a giant-killer and they would like nothing better to come to Sydney town and steal themselves a couple of points.

— FRANK COLETTA

AROK WANTS SPAIN

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Hobart will receive its first-ever full international fixture. Whether this is a good move for World Cup planning is open to doubt.

Perth has had to be omitted from the World Cup and China games but will pick up at least one major fixture against one of the touring club sides.

The home World Cup games are: Sunday October 20, Israel, Olympic Park; Wednesday Oct 23, Taipei Adelaide; Sunday Oct 27 v Taipei Hobart; Sunday November 3, v New Zealand Sydney.

If Australia comes through as victors, the match against the Europeans will be played in Melbourne in late November.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

STRUGGLERS PROVIDE THRILLS

INTER MONARO.....1 NEWCASTLE.....2

A COMBINATION of good luck, bad goalkeeping and a superb team goal were enough to give Newcastle Rosebud a 2-1 win over Inter Monaro at Seiffert Oval.

The contest was a thrilling one, far better than one would expect from bottom teams.

Newcastle's good fortune came from a refereeing decision by Bob Marshall that may have been technically correct, but seemed unjust.

Down 1-0 in the 32nd minute, the home team won a free-kick five metres outside the area.

The wall and the keeper were positioned, but Chris Thamnidis apparently failed to ask for the referee's nod.

A perfectly-struck drive beat both the wall and Clint Gosling but was disallowed.

The first half was so even that a 2-2 score line at half-time would have been fair.

In the eighth minute Monaro sweeper Ricky Budini hit the ball on to the crossbar with his knee after Joe Senkalski and Dean Milosevic had combined to leave Steve Hoszowski stranded.

The keeper was again at fault when Bernard Kerby lobbed him from close in to open the scoring in the 24th minute.

It took Monaro 11 minutes to equalise, with Thamnidis making up for his disallowed goal.

He ran 50 metres and took the ball around Gosling after being put in the clear by Billy Willox.

Neil Owens' winning goal, a minute before half-time, was copybook stuff.

Senkalski served the perfect pass to Derek Todd who went to the byline before cutting the ball back to Owens for a simple tap-in from two metres.

After the break Monaro heads dropped and Newcastle played the most technically

correct football of the day.

The back-four fed the midfield superbly, and the ball was continually threaded upfield.

BY KEN HEALEY

To the surprise and delight of the 617 home fans, Monaro fought back in the second half and climaxed their pressure with an unforgettable last minute.

With three Monaro players queuing in the middle, Budini's drive brought a stunning reflex save from Gosling.

From the resulting

corner, Ralph Maier saved off the line from substitute Frank D'Addario and the game was won for Newcastle.

Man of the match: Newcastle sweeper NEIL OWENS, who scored a goal, narrowly missed another, won everything in the air and marshalled a cool, strong back-four.

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski, Gagetti (D'Addario 85), Walsh, Budini, Dacha, Willox, Carbone, Djordjevic (Domazetovic 58), Thamnidis, Giampaolo, Montrossi.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Thompson, Owens, Boogaard, McQuarrie, Senkalski, Jones, Todd, Milosevic, Kerby.

REFEREE: B. Marshall.

CROWD: 617.

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

WOLVES BOOST

IN a weekend of upsets in the NYL the highlight of the round was 1984 wooden-spooners Wollongong's results.

They travelled to Canberra on Saturday to beat AIS 2-1 on the Poligrass pitch, then doubling up on Sunday to beat League leaders Canberra 1-0 their first defeat of the season.

Meanwhile, second-placed Sydney City also suffered their first defeat of the season (2-1) at the hands of St George.

Saints suffered the ignominy of winning yet slipping a place on goal difference.

In other games, Penrith pushed Marconi into bottom spot with a hard-earned 1-0 win.

Inter Monaro surprised with a similar victory over the strong Newcastle side.

Apia Leichhardt continued their climb up the table with a comfortable 2-0 win over the Blacktown Demons.

Sydney Croatia had to be content with sharing the points after leading for 87 minutes, when the struggling Sydney Olympic side equalised from the penalty spot through Chris Polias.

— PETER RUSSELL

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT 1 (Ingham 58)

WOLLONGONG CITY 2 (Ruskin 50, Nees 84).

PENRITH CITY 1 (Carboni 49) MARCONI 0.

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Medanic 63) SYDNEY OLYMPIC (Polias pen 87).

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Marconi	8	1	3	4	12	15	5

MARCONI v SYDNEY OLYMPIC

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HERMISTON SETS TOUGH TARGETS

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE CITY showed they had returned from the National League wilderness with a fighting 2-1 win over national champions South Melbourne at Spencer Park.

The two points gave City eight out of their



ROUND 10:
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Mitten) ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Rankin, Santrac) at Sunshine Reserve. Crowd: 1,500.
MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Petersen) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 3,000.
WEST ADELAIDE 3 (Price 2, Scott) PRESTON 1 (Cole) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2,200.
BRISBANE CITY 2 (Fabrizio, Reis) SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Brown) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1,613.
FOOTSCRAY 1 (Lujic) GREEN GULLY 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 1,500.
HEIDELBERG UNITED 2 (Valentine, Tasios) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Olympic Village. Crowd: 1,200.

TOP SCORERS

9 — Egan (SM)
6 — Stevenson (H)
5 — Reis (BC), Lewis (GG), Smith (P), Cole (P), Latif (SGC)
4 — Zinni (BJ), Ward (MC), Price (WA)

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Brunswick Juve	10	5	4	1	13	7	14.
Melbourne Croatia	10	5	3	2	13	5	13
South Melbourne	10	5	3	2	16	12	13
Heidelberg	10	5	2	3	16	9	12
Brisbane Lions	10	4	3	3	7	7	11
Brisbane City	10	4	2	4	13	13	10
Preston	10	4	2	4	15	16	10
West Adelaide	10	3	3	4	11	12	9
Green Gully	10	2	4	4	10	13	8
Sunshine GC	10	2	4	4	7	10	8
Adelaide City	10	2	4	4	13	19	8
Footscray	10	2	0	8	9	19	4

BRISBANE CITY 2
SOUTH MELBOURNE 1

last 10 to match the tough target set by Jim Hermiston five games ago.

"I am absolutely delighted," Hermiston said.

"I am not sure what our next target will be but I will be applying lessons I learned last time at City and will be making sure we are at our very best for the last six or so games."

After suffering their first loss in 21 games to Melbourne Croatia the previous week, South, despite the absence of John Yendoorn, started ferociously against a seemingly stunned City.

Strikers Charlie Egan and Doug Brown caused havoc in the City defence in the early minutes and it looked a case of by how many South Melbourne would win.

The visitors got their goal in the 27th minute in a movement which left City standing. Gary McDowell broke down the right, knocked a low ball to the near post where Egan neatly laid it back for Brown to bury it into the goal.

With Brown and Egan denied further goals by brilliant Kim Wishart saves, few City supporters were looking forward to the

second half.

But after Hermiston gave his players "something to think about at half-time," the Brisbane side, guided by the midfield dominance of Frank Pimblett, came out fighting for the second 45 minutes.

It took only 13 minutes for the scores to be levelled when, out of nothing, Luciano Fabrizio turned in the box and hit an unstoppable low shot into the bottom corner.

The goal fuelled City's enthusiasm, and the first half bite and composure of South Melbourne went astray.

Twice more City threatened to score before the winner finally found the net in the 81st minute, and it was largely from a horrendous mistake from South keeper Peter Laumets.

After surviving a Lee Scruggins raid on goal, Laumets threw the ball straight to City striker Alan Reis.

Reis accepted the gift and hit a shot which skewed off a defender's boot over the top of Laumets and into the goal.

Man of the match: FRANK MENGOTTI for an all-round performance in an unfamiliar position.

Heidelberg get a much-needed win

HEIDELBERG UNITED redeemed themselves for their miserable failures against South Melbourne and Brunswick Juventus with a much-needed 2-0 win over Brisbane Lions at Melbourne's Olympic Village.

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

the top spot of the Southern Division with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Melbourne Croatia at Olympic Park.

Brunswick Juventus were rewarded for their efforts in the 73rd minute when midfielder Mike Petersen netted the winning goal.

Sunshine George Cross were the only Victorian losers of the 10th round, going down to Adelaide City 2-1 at their home ground.

Adelaide City appeared the better side right from the outset and within 32 minutes went into the lead through Peter Rankin.

They extended their lead in the 65th minute through Adrian Santrac and kept on cruising to a comfortable win until the 86th minute when Noel Mitten reduced the margin from the penalty spot.

WEST ADELAIDE turned on the form which won them the 1978 National League title to beat Preston 3-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium, TOM MCKAIN REPORTS.

Down 1-0 at half-time to a magnificent goal from Gary Cole in the 42nd minute, when he turned and hammered a rising shot, West stormed back in the second period.

They equalised in the 47th minute when Gary Price rammed the ball home after keeper Phil Traianedes had pushed out an effort from George Konstandopoulos.

Alan Scott put West in front in the 53rd minute when he was in the box to head in a perfect lob from Graham Honeyman.

Four minutes later Price struck again from a Konstandopoulos header.



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KEEGAN'S VISIT A SUCCESS

THE recent visit of Kevin Keegan to Sydney sparked great interest in Australian soccer.

Keegan was an impressive performer on and off the field. He created interest in soccer not just within soccer itself but on a wider plane.

Yet his stay in Australia was all too brief.

His promotional ability could win back many people who have drifted away from the code, and the game here could gain even greater benefits from Keegan in a coaching sense. His presence in the ranks of Blacktown City highlighted this.

Here is a player who has fulfilled his ability to the fullest.

His six years with great English club Liverpool brought out the best of Kevin Keegan.

Liverpool's dictum is based on a statement made by their late, great manager Bill Shankly: "Do the little things correctly and the big things will look after themselves."

Keegan does the little things very well and, sure enough, he has been rewarded with the big things in football.

His approach to the game and to people is down-to-earth and very positive.

However, in the space of 10 days, he did get tired of continually being asked the question: "What's wrong with Australian soccer?"

Keegan's typical response was: "There's not much wrong with it. Why don't people here stop trying to find out what's wrong with the game and instead concentrate on what's right with it?"

Sorry, Kevin, we don't know the answer to that one.



CHIT CHAT



EDDIE KRNEVIC has circled the date June 2 on his calendar.

That's when Eddie plays his last game for Cercle Bruges in the Belgian Cup Final.

On June 7, the big former Marconi and Socceroo centre-forward will land in Australia to take up his two-year contract with Sydney Croatia.

Croatia are doing everything possible to grab the NSL championship with money no object.



TWO wingers with excellent credentials, RENE LICATA and IAN HUNTER, continue to disappoint Penrith fans.

In the 1981 World Youth Championship, Hunter captained the Australian squad, and in 1983 in Mexico Licata also won Youth international honours.

But Penrith coach WILLIE WALLACE admits he is not happy about performances from Rene and Ian.

Penrith hope the pair will soon recapture their top form.



CAN anyone match Brisbane Lions effort of fielding two sets of brothers recently?

The club's starting line-up against Sunshine Coast included JOHN and RUSSELL STEWART and PHIL and TONY REDMOND.

ALAN HUNTER's younger brother DAVID is also pushing for NSL team inclusion.



IT had to happen.

After three weeks of allowing women and children — including high school students — into their NSL games free, West Adelaide have received complaints.

They come from males who claim they also should get in free as the club is discriminating against them!



PAUL KAY appears to have recovered well from the car accident which kept him out of Sydney City's side against Newcastle Rosebud.

Kay, a very talented midfielder, still bears the scars but team coach EDDIE THOMSON says: "He came out of it well."



PAUL KAY takes the ball past Apia Leichhardt defender Mark Brown.



MIKE GIBSON: 'best game'.

ROTHMANS SPORT FOUNDATION continues to do excellent work in the coaching field in many different sports.

At Parklea recently, we met PETE NYAMA, who is national youth soccer coach of Zimbabwe.

Nyama and other coaches from Zimbabwe are in Australia for three weeks to learn how coaching is carried out in soccer, rugby union, hockey, tennis, cricket and athletics.

It is a marvellous exercise but it could not have been envisaged without the generosity of Rothmans.

The anti-smoking lobby, though, will not be impressed.



THE match against South Melbourne on Sunday will be the last for West Adelaide full-back IAN McGREGOR.

The rugged little defender is moving to Port Augusta in his public service job as an architectural technical officer.



THERE will be a very special dinner at the Apia club in Sydney on June 2.

Apia have invited Italian club Udinese to have a night at the club and it promises to be a great function.

BRIAN NORTH-COTE, Adelaide City's strongman midfielder, is keeping his fingers crossed that he doesn't have to "retire" again.

He quit for two seasons following recurring back and groin injuries and made his comeback this season.

Now he has been hit by a shoulder injury which saw him out one game, back for another then out again.

"I hope to at least see the season out," he said.



LEN QUESTED was one of the greatest of all UK players to settle in Australia and for years was a pillar of the Auburn club as player and official.

Recently, Len had a serious operation on his knee. We are pleased to hear he is coming along well from the op.



MARCONI supporters can be forgiven for thinking they have identical twin full-backs in their side this year.

Blond-haired PAUL CARTER and LEE STERREY look very similar from a distance.

It's even more confusing when a third "lookalike" — versatile youngster MARTIN DRIENE — gets a game!

MIKE GIBSON was paid a big compliment by Penrith coach WILLIE WALLACE after keeping a clean sheet in the Panthers' 1-0 win over Sydney Olympia at Pratten Park.

"That was the best game Gibson has played since he joined the club," said Willie.

On the same day Gibson was doing his stuff, Blacktown goalkeeper BARRY HOARE was magnificent in keeping out the eager Sydney Croatia forwards.

Whatever may be wrong with Australian soccer, there's not much wrong with the present crop of goalies.



BRUNO VIDAIC was the Sydney Croatia defender who had the difficult job of marking Blacktown City guest player KEVIN KEEGAN at Marconi Stadium.

The quick-witted Vidaic said after the match: "I think I lost six kilos chasing Keegan around!"



IT's not much fun sitting next to national coach FRANK AROK during a match.

IAN HOLMES, the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation president, realised that when he was in Brisbane for the match between NSW and Queensland.

"Hurricane" Holmes sat next to Arok during the first half of the Interstate clash but changed seats at half-time.

"Frank kept kicking me," Holmes said, nursing a sore shin!



IT wasn't hard spotting Brisbane City coach JIM HERMITON's son in the Queensland Under 18 side at the National Youth Championships held at Parklea last week.

Of course Jim had a distinguished playing career in Scotland and Australia, culminating in him winning the NSL Player of the Year award in 1980.

JAMES JUNIOR, who is with Queensland State League club North Star, has the same lean build as his father and also plays in central defence.

His progress will be watched very closely over the next couple of years.

GALLAGHER'S DEFENSIVE HEADACHES

BY NEIL JAMESON

IT'S no secret in the Newcastle Rosebud United camp — coach Willie Gallagher is concerned about his defence.

Gallagher, who played most of his football in central defence, understands the old adage that great sides are built from the back.

He therefore realises that for Newcastle to vault clear of the relegation zone United's back-four will have to come under close scrutiny.

"We've one of the youngest defences in the League but there is no way I'll be letting our boys use inexperience as an excuse," he said.

"The players know that every man becomes a defender once we've lost the ball, so the emphasis is on the whole team to help improve our record."

BELIEVER

Prior to yesterday's round of matches, United had conceded 16 goals, a figure befitting their 10th position in the Northern Division.

Gallagher is a firm believer in the attacking role of defenders but he has stressed that any offensive input by his back men must play second fiddle to the reason they are picked: to deny the opposition scoring chances.

In central pair Mike Boogaard and Neil Owens, Newcastle have a combination of huge potential. But the impression is that their best soccer is still in front of them.

As the senior partner, Boogaard is the voice of experience, but 19-year-old Owens has poise beyond his years and could later develop into a libero-style defender through his ability to push forward and distribute well.

Andy Thompson and Mark Jones are locked in a great battle for the left-back job, while Ralph Maier, who turned 21 last week, is desperate to recover his best form at right-back.

The irony of Newcastle's first round performance is that they have competed admirably with the likes of Sydney Croatia, Sydney Olympic, Sydney City and Marconi but have succumbed by wide margins to St George and Blacktown.

On paper and previous form, United might have been expected to reap some reward from these two



NEIL OWENS displays the poise that makes him a key man for Newcastle.

matches.

Nobody in Newcastle dare mention the prospect of relegation, but with most of the first round completed, and the "protected area" status removed, United have

very little padding.

If by a series of disasters in the second round Newcastle should be relegated, it would pose an interesting problem for the League.

Would a side from the NSW Federation be promoted or would the NSL executive be obliged to fill the spot with a club from Northern NSW which, after all, is Newcastle's home state?

Adcity plan OS airlift

BY TOM MCKAIN

IF Adelaide City get all the players they are seeking in the next few weeks, they will take out the Southern Division of the NSL, even from their current lowly position on the League table.

In what is probably Australian soccer's biggest airlift, the South Australian club is planning to bring in Justin Fashanu from England, Colin McAdam from Scotland, Italy's Nello Scarpa and Socceroo David Mitchell from Hong Kong.

Veteran Scarpa was a hit as a midfielder for a brief spell last year, Fashanu, now with Notts County on loan from Nottingham Forest, starred up-front for the club in 1980, and McAdam was here with Glasgow Rangers last year in the World Soccer Series.

City president Charlie Caruso is planning to offer McAdam and Scarpa long-term contracts.

The Scot, a married schoolteacher with two children, was offered teams by Sydney City when he was here, but prefers the Adelaide lifestyle for his family.

He contacted City through Mitchell, who was with him at Rangers, and ironically was the man McAdam tried to tackle during the WSS with the latter landing awkwardly and breaking his own leg.

City want McAdam as a striker, the position in which he starred for Rangers when he first joined them, scoring 23 goals in his first season.

However, McAdam has been operating as a stopper for the last couple of years, mainly in Rangers' reserve side.

Charlie Scalzi, a member of the City club, is currently in Italy negotiating with Scarpa, a 34-year

midfielder with a tonne of class.

Fashanu was an instant hit in SA in 1980, but when he returned the following year it was a disaster, with the coloured striker spending more time making guest appearances at club functions than he did training.

However, this enthusiasm is back, he is playing well for Notts, and has had an offer from Sheffield Wednesday for next season.

Speaking from Nottingham last week, Fashanu said he would be a far better player this time than he was in '81.

"I'm all go again and I'm aiming for the England team next year," he said.

"I'm available if City want me."

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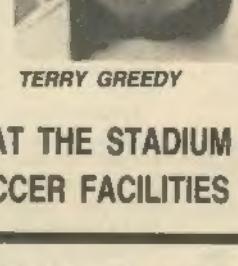
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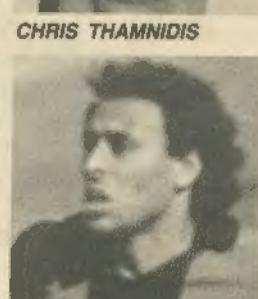
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FROM FOREST TO GARDEN ISLAND!

FORMER St George great Les Schauman may have retired quite a few years ago but his presence is still felt at the club.

Schauman has played an important part in the return to form of Saints striker Robbie Slater.

Last season Slater failed to reproduce the form which stamped him as one of the up-and-coming strikers in Australian soccer.

This year though, it's been a different story.

"I've settled down a lot this season," Slater said.

"Ever since I've been working at Garden Island, Les has taken me under his wing and he is helping me all the time.

"We always talk about the game and sometimes during our lunch break we might have a bit of a kick-around."

NO SHORTAGE

A game of soccer on Garden Island may be a difficult proposition but there never is any shortage of players.

"That's one problem we'll never have," the former Auburn and Bankstown junior added.

"My team-mate Dez Marton works here as does assistant first grade coach Frank Lang and other people like Ray Farrugia and Barry Walker."

This year St George followers have witnessed a different Robbie Slater.

Many of the club's goals have come from the right side of the field where Slater has been terrorising opposing defences.

"Not kicking a soccer ball during the off-season has made a big difference to my game this year," Slater said.

"My pre-season training has probably



PROFILE BY
ANDREW
PASCHALIDIS

been the best I've had since I joined the club.

"I think I've picked up a bit of speed as well," Slater added.

TRIALLED

Many players dream of winning a full-time contract with an English First Division club and Slater almost left Australia to pursue an overseas career.

Late in 1983 he trialed with Nottingham Forest in the English First Division and didn't disappoint the club.

"I had a good stint there," he said.

"That was probably the reason why I was so quiet last year.

"Forest wanted me to come back but I couldn't get a release from St George.

"I'd spent about two years straight playing soccer with Saints, the Youth Socceroos and Forest.

"I think it all got the better of me," Slater said.

Last season Slater played for the Australian 'B' team in the World Soccer series. Does he fancy his chances of rep selection this year?

"Everyone wants to play in the national team," the 20-year-old said.

"Every player has a good chance so you

can't really say this or that player is a certainty.

"Just look at the players who went on the world tour. Half of them aren't playing up to their usual standard."

Slater may be playing well but there is one element of his play which has been missing this year.

"I know now the only thing I must do is to score goals," he quipped.

"I'm sure Frank (Arok) is happy with the way things are going at the moment.

"I think I'm playing just as good now as I was with Forest early last year."



McGACHEY'S MAD DASH

BY TOM MCKAIN

WEST ADELAIDE coach Neil McGachey hopes he never has another Friday like the one before the club set off for Melbourne to play Green Gully.

McGachey then started a mad phone-round to contact his troops.

"Can you imagine trying to find the lads on a Friday night, the only night they are free?" said McGachey.

By 2am he had contacted, or left messages, for all but striker Gary Price.

McGachey rang the club's super-efficient girl Friday, Anna Tsakalidis.

Yes, she had Price's address, but he was not on the phone.

And the address? It was in the club's city office.

McGachey raced

round to Anna's place and the pair drove back into town.

It turned out there were three addresses for Price, so McGachey set off hoping to strike the right one or find out where Price was now living.

A block of flats lit up as neighbours rang each other to say there was a strange man knocking on doors asking for a Gary Price.

MISSION

"I thought they were going to do a vigilante job on me," said McGachey.

Eventually he managed to convince the

residents he was on a desperate mission and harmless.

Price, it turned out, had moved to Maslins Beach, way down the coast!

McGachey got there at 3.30am and was home by 4.30am — just in time to shower, shave and have breakfast before dashing to the airport.

Graham Honeyman made a similar dash — he had been working as a cleaning contractor until 3am — and George Konstantopoulos had been working nightshift.

"We all hit the sack when we arrived in Melbourne and it was a miracle we came



NEIL McGACHEY

THERE are many good teams in football, but few great ones. It takes a great team to be vying for and winning championships year after year.

Sydney City are currently the only side in Australia with legitimate claims to greatness.

Yet the secret lies not so much in the team itself but in the reserve strength of the club.

Other sides falter when injuries and suspensions take their toll on the first team stars — but not Eddie Thomson's Slickers.

Thomson always ensures he has very good back-up players to enable Sydney City to last the distance of each National League season.

One player who did that job last year was striker Graeme Fletcher.

AT 21, "Fletch" is at the age where he should be commanding a regular NSL place.

His 1985 season so far has seen him on the fringe of the first team, making the starting line-up three times in the first eight NSL rounds.

But Fletcher's presence is a vital part of Thomson's planning for Sydney City's assault on the 1985 championship.

Apart from proving necessary back-up, Fletch keeps fellow strikers Frank Farina, Grant Lee and John Kosmina on their toes.

"He'll get his turn," Thomson said.

"He's a very direct player, as he goes straight for goals.

"Many strikers are frightened to have a go — not Fletch though," he concluded.

CONFIDENT

Thomson steadfastly refuses to listen to transfer bids from other NSL clubs.

Only last week Sydney Olympic expressed a desire to sign Fletcher, but once again Thomson said "no".

Fletcher is confident he will be holding down a first team place at Sydney City before his current two-year contract is up at the end of the 1986 season.

"I'll keep trying to force my way in," he said.

"Obviously it does get a bit disappointing sitting on the bench for a while. At times I've spoken to Eddie about it but he has indicated very clearly that there's no way he's going to let me go.

"Anyway, this is the best club to be with."

He was forced to question his long-term future with Sydney City when Thomson signed Farina — an Australian squad striker who is in fact younger than Fletcher — at the end of last season.

DECISION

"I decided to stay with the club and try and make the team rather than run away from it," Fletcher says.

"I don't doubt my capabilities that I will make it and I'm very happy with the way I'm playing."

Away from soccer, Graeme recently bought a unit at Rockdale with his girlfriend Vickie and six-month-old son Kell.



PROFILE BY
BRAD EARL

At the same time he got a job in his trade

as an electrician after working in a shop for a year.

"Everything's fitting into place," he says, adding, "except with soccer!"

This is Fletcher's sixth year at Sydney City after making a name for himself as an outstanding New South Wales junior player.

In fact Fletch was an Australian representative at Under 15 level when a special international match was played against Malaysia in Perth.

The team was picked after the U15 National Championships and included three

have "kicked on" in football.

Fletcher and Rod Brown (Marconi)

scored two goals each, while Russell Stewart (Brisbane Lions) and Paul Daley (Blacktown City) were also in the team.

Fletcher believes Australia's participation in the first World Under 16 Tournament, to be played in China in August-September, is a major breakthrough.

"I think our juniors are equal to any in the world and it's great

Fletcher eventually wants to make the senior national team, but of course his first aim is to hold down a regular spot with the Slickers.

Yet if he achieves that, Fletch believes he won't be too far away from achieving his ultimate goal.

"If I can force Grant (Lee) or Frank (Farina) out, then I must be pretty close to national selection."

With that sort of determination added to his proven ability as a striker, Graeme Fletcher's patience must surely be repaid in the long run.



FLETCHER in NSL action for Sydney City against Peter Stone of St George.

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SBS SHOW EURO CUP FINALS LIVE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SBS TELEVISION will once again cover the European Cup finals this year.

Mr Clay Adams from the SBS publicity department said: "We are very proud to be able to bring live telecasts from Europe and also complete replays in prime-time."

"Never has any other Australian television network been able to do this," Mr Adams said.

The three European finals are the European Cup, the Cup Winners Cup and the UEFA Cup.

Les Murray will present the first of the live telecasts on Thursday morning at 4am. It is the Cup Winners Cup between England's mighty Everton against Austria's crack side, Rapid Vienna, in Rotterdam, Holland.

I feel Howard Kendall's Everton will prove too strong for the Austrians and will take the Cup back to Goodison Park with them.

Murray will have Frank Arok and Rale Rasic as guests in the studio.

A full replay will be screened the same evening at 8.30pm.

Gary Thornthwaite, SBS's soccer sports producer, said: "We



have made our coverage of soccer, both on the domestic and international scene, the very best in Australia, using the very best expertise.

"By bringing in Frank Arok, Australia's World Cup coach, and Rale Rasic as Les Murray's studio guests, adds to the overall presentation."

UEFA CUP

Next Thursday week (May 23), SBS will

screen live at 4am the 1985 UEFA Cup Final second leg from Madrid in Spain.

This major clash will be between the home side, Real Madrid, against the Hungarian outfit,

pool of England and Italy's star-studded Juventus, will also be covered live by SBS direct from Brussels in Belgium.

This match will be on Thursday, May 30, at 4am, with a full replay the same evening at 8.30pm.

Liverpool, the Cup holders, powered by Ian Rush, Kenny Dalglish, Johnny Wark, Mark Lawrenson and Co, will be reluctant to relinquish the Cup to the Italians, who possess the style of Boniek, Platini and Rossi.

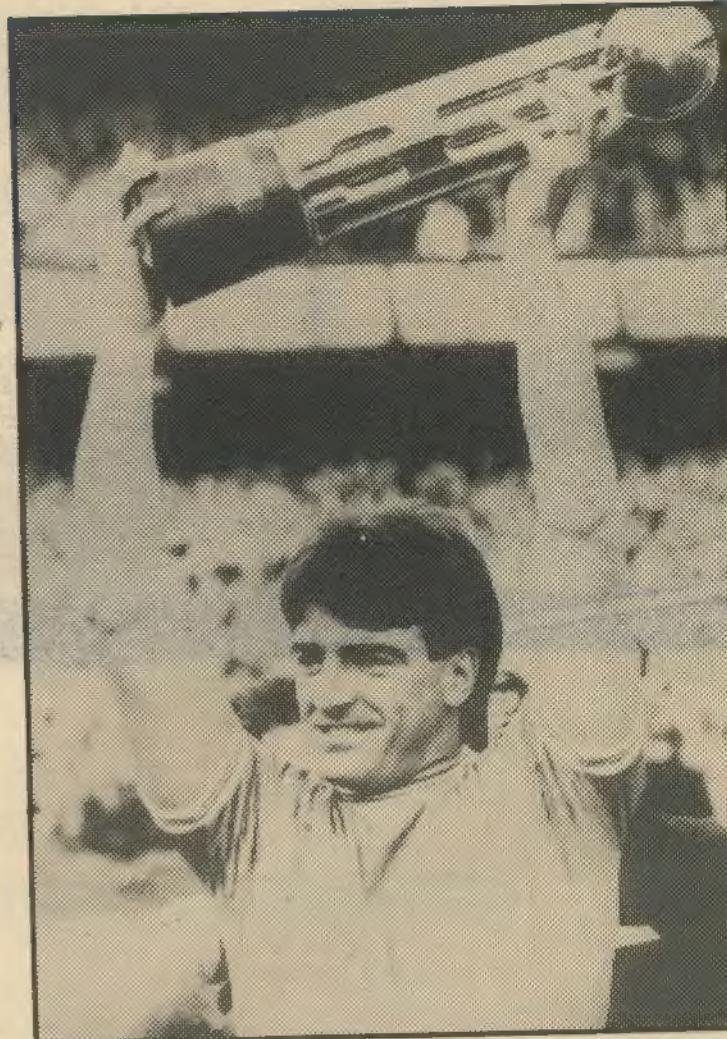
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BIG ONE

The big one, the 1985 European Champions Cup Final, between mighty Liver-

pool have played in four European Cup Finals with four wins, and will be in a "rush" to take the Cup back to Anfield.

I will be putting my money on Liverpool for this one.



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BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ting on October 5 this year.

Peter Bent, sports travel director of Gullivers Sports Travel Pty Ltd in Sydney, has been assigned the enormous task of organising the huge airlift of Australian squads bound for California.

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ACTIVITIES

Besides playing against these personalities, touring squads will wine and dine with the stars, visit Disneyland, receive special presentations, attend cocktail parties go on a seven hour tour

of the famous Universal Film Studios, attend special functions for players, go sightseeing and shopping, culminating with a Golden Oldies finale banquet dinner on the last day in Santa Monica.

To rest from these activities, Australian squads will be able to relax on the magnificent golden beaches of Waikiki in Hawaii, the heaven on Earth, on the way home.

Funds, passports, photos, travel visas, soccer gear all have to be organised, team souvenirs made up for exchange with overseas players, cameras to be loaded, bandages and tapes gathered and sun-glasses and sun-lotions purchased.

Mr Bent said: "If you haven't played World Cup soccer, this is the next best thing. But players must be over 35

years of age.

"This is a MUST regulation of the entire tournament."

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NEW FACES SELECTED FOR FIJI

QUEENSLAND coach Bruce Stowell has finalised his touring party for Fiji this month — with next year's interstate clash with New South Wales in mind.

Stowell added three new faces to the 16-man squad which will play the Fiji national team twice and have a match against top provincial club Lautoka during the tour, which starts on May 20.

Brisbane City defender Garry Bromfield, Lions sweeper Roddy Vasquez and Grange Thistle stopper Jeff Dolan were drafted into Stowell's squad after Jim Hermiston, Mike Cernaka and Alan Reis — all members of the squad for this year's interstate clash — declared themselves unable to tour.

In naming the three

Up North

**GREG RUSSELL REPORTS
FROM BRISBANE**

work in the future. The chance is there for them to stake a claim for an interstate match jersey next season."

Dolan's selection means the touring party will contain four non NSL players, but Vasquez' addition further adds to the dominance of Lions in the squad, with 10 representatives.

The Queensland touring squad is: Wayne Evans, Steve Jackson, Alan Hunter, Vasquez, Alan Niven, John Stewart, Russell Stewart, John Ogden, Richard Bassingthwaite, Danny Wright (Brisbane Lions), Kim Wishart, Bromfield (Brisbane City), Ron Millman (Ipswich United), Dave Wheeler (Coalstars), Glenn Archer, Dolan (Grange Thistle).

Bromfield's call-up to the squad caps a month of determined hard work after missing on the interstate match squad.

But with Niven also in the squad, it appears the City left full-back will be switched to an attack-

ing midfielder or striker — his former position — to cover for the withdrawal of Reis.

Vasquez is the cover for Hermiston, although Jackson or Archer can play at sweeper, while Dolan is the cover for Cernaka who was unavailable to tour following his acceptance of a trial at Sydney Olympic.

In playing the Fiji national team twice, Queensland will indirectly be helping the World Cup qualifying matches preparations of the New Zealand team.

Fiji will use the two matches against the Maroons to get into top shape for a three test series against New Zealand in June. The series will be the major part of New Zealand's preparations.

Stowell is determined to return from the tour with three wins.

"The pressure will be on everyone. There are many, many combinations I could use and everyone will be playing for their places, now and in the future," he said.

WHEELER'S NSL BID DELAYED

THE path to National League football seems to be obstacle-ridden for Queensland's interstate match goalscorer, David Wheeler.

On the other hand, Coalstars are not prepared to let Wheeler, who has scored five goals in the first four Premier League games, go to Lions cheaply.

But, as the club has been informed, a visa player Wheeler cannot attract a transfer. Coalstars can only recoup legitimate expenses.

So rather than talk money, the club has instead sought a player exchange with Lions. And that's where the deal has stalled.

Coalstars coach Brian Styles was quoted as saying he wanted three players in exchange for Wheeler.

"We would be interested in a goalkeeper, striker and defender. If we get injuries we do not have the depth to cover them, but Dave is a rarity today — he is a goalscorer," Styles said.

Lions dismissed the request as "laughable".

"They are wanting players collectively worth about \$12,000. Just because we have an over-supply of strikers and goalkeepers, we certainly are not going to give them away. And besides, most of the players they are talking about have NSL aspirations

and don't want to leave Lions," coach Gordon Arrowsmith said.

Wheeler, an English import presently playing with Premier League side Coalstars, is keen to play in the higher division after the match against New South Wales.

He approached Lions, but it seems a switch of clubs is a long way off yet.

Lions were reluctant to sign Wheeler at first, as not only would he take their "spare" visa place, but the club has seven strikers with NSL experience on the books.

But, at the moment, none of them is scoring and Wheeler's silky skills, and the partnership he formed in the state team with Danny Wright, make him a tempting signing.

The players Coalstars are interested in are believed to include Brett Beves, Calvin Daunt, Jim McDonagh, Tom McGregor and Mick Tonner.

Acacia Ridge, who are also involved in player negotiations, are interested in getting some of those players on loan.

Former Ridge defender Norm Bell has been playing in the Lions Premier League team this season on loan, awaiting a finalisation of his transfer fee.



JIM McDONAGH: Coalstars show interest.

That has now been set at \$3,000, somewhat more than Lions had hoped to pay.

The Ridge have agreed to a lesser

figure, if they can get some strikers on loan.

"The negotiations are delicately poised," Lions secretary Lawrence Oudenkyk said.

HUNTER PLAYS ON WITH LEG INJURY

A RECURRING hamstring injury for Queensland and Brisbane Lions defender Alan Hunter had been diagnosed as tendonitis.

But the tough 20-year-old stopper has decided to ignore a physiotherapist's advice to rest and intends to play with the injury — which is similar in nature to "tennis elbow".

Hunter, who was considered a chance of breaking into the national squad, has been troubled by left leg injury for more than a month.

It was first diag-

nosed as a hamstring strain, but last week it was discovered he had in fact injured the tendon which joins the hamstring to the buttock.

The tendonitis has developed because Hunter almost exclusively kicks with his left foot.

"The alternatives were to rest or begin kicking with my right foot. I didn't want to do either so I am being treated and special exercises should see me through," Hunter said.

Although he is likely to be playing in pain and will risk injuring the hamstring, Hunter believes it will not hamper his game and he has been in fine form for Lions.

Hunter will be under medication to combat the inflammation of the tendon and will use ice therapy constantly.

"If I look after it during the week, I am pretty sure I will be able to get through the games. I am willing to take the risk," Hunter said.

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And of course our senior players will be making their journeys at the end of the season, competing for the right to play in the World Cup Finals.

This is enormous incentive for any player

to dedicate himself to the game.

Our highest-paid players can now earn some \$30,000 in a year as part-time players.

OFFER

So the game has a lot to offer its professional participants, despite the fact that at club level it is not buoyant at this time.

A lot of people see our senior World Cup assault as crucial to the progress of the game in this country.

I don't.

The strength of the coaching given to the grassroots of the game — the juniors — and the quality of the professional game is what matters most.

The juniors provide

the players and the professionals who bring in the supporters who sustain the game.

Coaching of juniors throughout the country has improved tremendously.

However, it has improved the least where it should have improved the most — New South Wales.

That is where the bulk of the junior players are.

ABYSMAL

Some of the coaching given to young players in NSW is still abysmal.

You see evidence of this in the fact that NSW, with its huge reservoir of junior

talent, nowadays has little success in the junior national championships.

Whereas South Australia, for example, with its scanty numbers has been very successful.

The reason for this is that South Australia has had a full-time director of coaching for many years in the competent Mike Wells.

UNIFORM

NSW appointed its director of coaching, Alan Vest, just months ago.

That was 10 years too late.

Australia will probably do well in the World U16 and Youth Finals.

Our players at that level are on a par with others, even those in the top soccer nations.

This is because the level of competition they all played in is relatively uniform throughout the world.

However, at senior level, our National League pales in comparison with that of Italy, Spain, France, Belgium or England.

This is another reason why it is important that our top

domestic professional competition is of a high standard.

It sets the level up to which our best players can aspire.

For this reason it is ineffective planning to severely limit im-

ports as is now done and even worse to talk of completely blotting them out in a year or two's time.

The Dez Martons of the soccer world are Australian soccer's greatest need at the present time.

Can Australia beat Spain, Scotland or Wales and make it through to the World Cup Finals in Mexico?

It could be done, but it is unlikely to be done.

SPECIAL

We should not expect it, nor consider it our special right to go through to the Finals each time we compete.

Like most good happenings in this world, those that are very special usually come about following much painstaking and diligent work building on a solid base.

Australian soccer also falls under that law.

I believe that our next step at club level will be to produce an elite of clubs, possibly eight to 10 in number who will provide a high level of soccer maybe with some form of modified professionalism.

Currently our top league is too thinly spread and the standard is not high enough



NSW director of coaching, Alan Vest.



BLACKTOWN CITY v WOLLONGONG CITY

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19
KICK-OFF 3PM



CASEY DE BRUIN
(Blacktown coach)



ROBBIE WHEATLEY
(Blacktown captain)



BARRY HOARE
(Blacktown City)



MARTIN BOURKE
(Blacktown City)



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(Blacktown City)



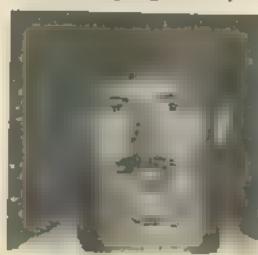
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TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Rockdale Ilinden v Bankstown National	3-0	6-0	1-0
Warringah Narrabeen v Uruguay Auburn	0-0	1-2	2-2
Parramatta Melita v Fairy Meadow	0-0	5-1	2-2
Sutherland Shire v Manly Warringah	1-1	1-1	2-0
Cant-M'ville Oly v Ku-ring-gai	1-2	2-2	2-1
Polonia v Avala	0-0	1-3	0-6

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Parramatta Melita	5	4	1	0	14	2
Avala	2	3	0	10	3	7
Ku-ring-gai	2	3	0	6	3	7
Sutherland	2	2	0	8	3	6
Rockdale Ilinden	5	2	2	1	7	4
Fairy Meadow	5	2	2	1	6	4
Manly Warringah	2	2	1	6	4	6
Canterbury-M'ville	6	1	2	3	15	14
Uruguay Auburn	5	0	3	2	3	9
Warringah N'been	5	1	1	3	1	10
Polonia	4	0	1	3	2	10
Bankstown National	0	0	4	1	10	0

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Penrith United v Bathurst '75	0-5	1-2	4-0
Artarmon v Blacktown United	2-0	0-3	1-2
Wollongong Macedonia v Queens Park	2-1	1-1	1-3
North Bankstown v Campbelltown City	2-0	4-2	0-0
Canterbury & Dist v Gladesville Hornsby	0-3	1-1	0-7
Dee Why Swans v SSC Yugal	1-2	1-2	2-1

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W'gong Macedonia	4	3	1	0	9	2
Blacktown United	4	3	0	1	10	2
Campbelltown City	4	3	0	1	6	4
Yugal	4	2	1	1	12	5
Queens Park	4	2	1	1	9	4
Bathurst '75	5	1	3	1	11	7
Artarmon	5	2	1	2	8	8
Gladesville Hornsby	4	2	1	1	6	5
North Bankstown	4	2	0	2	5	3
Dee Why	4	1	1	2	4	8
Penrith United	4	0	1	3	3	14
Canterbury & Dist	4	0	0	4	1	21

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

North Ryde RSL v King Tomislav	0-1	4-0	1-4
Granville District v Bondi Marine	2-2	0-1	1-4
University of NSW v Bankstown Hills	0-0	0-1	0-4
Kingsford v Rooty Hill	2-1	0-2	1-0
Moorebank Liverpool v Port Hacking	0-2	2-3	0-2
Mt Druitt Town v Campbelltown Dist	3-1	1-3	3-2

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY MAY 15:

MELITA EAGLES v AVALA MELITA STADIUM
Second grade 6pm, first grade 7.45pm (third grade Thursday May 16 at 6pm)

SUNDAY MAY 19:

FAIRY MEADOW v WARRINGAH MEMORIAL PARK (Corinal)
MANLY WARRINGAH v MELITA EAGLES CROMER PARK
KU-RING-GAI v SUTHERLAND SHIRE PARKLANDS OVAL
ROCKDALE ILINDEN v CANT-M'VILLE HURSTVILLE OVAL
URUGUAY AUBURN v POLONIA MONA PARK
BANKSTOWN NATIONAL v AVALA JENSEN PARK

SECOND DIVISION

SATURDAY MAY 18:

Bathurst '75 v Blacktown United
Proctor Park

SUNDAY MAY 19:

Queens Park v Dee Why Swans
Erskineville Oval
Campbelltown City v W'gong Macedonia
Lynwood Park
Gladesville Hornsby v Nth Bankstown
Pioneer Park
Penrith United v Canterbury & Dist
Cook Park
SSC Yugal v Artarmon
TBA

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

SATURDAY MAY 25:

AVALA v URUGUAY AUBURN KNIGHT PARK No.4

SUNDAY MAY 26:

POLONIA v FAIRY MEADOW CHOPIN PARK
W'GAH N'BEEN v MANLY WARRINGAH N'BEEN FITNESS CAMP
MELITA EAGLES v KU-RING-GAI MELITA STADIUM
SUTHERLAND SHIRE v ROCKDALE ILINDEN SEYMOUR SHAW PARK
C'BURY M'VILLE v BANKSTOWN NATIONAL ARLINGTON OVAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Ryde	5	4	0	1	10	2	8
Kingsford	5	3	2	0	13	7	8
King Tomislav	4	2	2	0	5	3	6
Bondi Marine	4	1	3	0	9	7	5
Port Hacking	4	2	1	1	4	7	5
Moorebank-L'pool	4	2	0	2	4	4	4
C'beltown Gunners	5	1	2	2	7	11	4
Baulkham Hills	4	1	1	1	5	7	3
Mt Druitt Town	4	1	1	2	7	12	3
Uni of NSW	3	1	0	2	5	7	2
Granville District	4	0	1	3	8	11	1
Rooty Hill	4	0	1	3	4	8	1

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Eastwood St Andrews v West St George	1-0	4-0
West Park United v Lane Cove United	5-0	3-1
Spanish Club v Padstow Park	1-2	1-1
West Park United v Sydney University	3-5	1-1
C.S.I. Schofields v Fairfield Kiev	2-4	2-1
Hurstville Zagreb v Nineveh Eagles	3-5	5-1
bye v Lane Cove United		

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Maroubra v Pagewood	2-0	1-4
Went Waratah v Chelsea	1-6	1-3
Concordia v Green Valley	5-0	1-1
Macquarie University v Hawkesbury Dist.	0-1	2-0
Trasandinos Sports v Macarthur United	3-3	1-1
Liverpool City v Chile Sports	2-1	2-1
bye v by		

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

	4-1	4-2
Rangers Hadjuk v Robins	3-1	3-0
Welcome Sports v Concord Juniors	2-8	0-1
Haberfield B/D v Sydney Maccabi	1-2	0-2
Smithfield Hotspur v Dulwich Hill	1-6	1-7
Chullora v Sydney Maccabi	0-2	6-1
Rosebery Portuguese v by		

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

	0-3	1-11
Jedinstvo United v Colo Colo	2-3	3-0
Murray Farm Rangers v Nepean Rovers	0-0	0-0
Castle Hill v Petersham Lusitanos	0-6	3-2
Argentinian Lutcombe v Petersham Lusitanos	1-9	1-1
Blacktown Workers v Macedonia Yagoona	3-1	2-1
Castle Hill v Lansvale United	0-3	1-0
Greenisland v Lithgow Workmens		

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

	6-1	4-4

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DOUG COLLINS

RISKY BUSINESS!

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE coaching can be a precarious occupation and, although the season is hardly a third of the way through, already casualties have been no fewer than in other years.

The casualties so far have been Tony Traylor (Bruns-Lowndes (Briswick Juventus),

CROWDS LIFT THE PLAYERS

WHAT a marvellous day for soccer when almost 15,000 spectators packed Marconi Stadium for Kevin Keegan's final

The atmosphere was electric and the standard of the game that this generated certainly shows that crowds do inspire players.

Sure Keegan's presence also lifted other players' performances, but it was a day to remember for both spectators and players.

There's no reason why more days like this shouldn't be the norm. We need personalities, and the more super stars we can get here the better it will be for the game.

There are some good players in Australia and their performances will also get better if they're playing in front of good crowds every week.

Young Robbie Wheatley has certainly blossomed this season, and coach Casey De Bruin must be pleased that his switch to sweeper has paid dividends.

His performances last week really emphasised that he is a player to be reckoned with and, if he can continue his good form and show some consistency, must eventually make the senior Socceroos.

So well done Blacktown City for the initiative and enterprise in bringing Keegan to Australia. It certainly did the game proud.



ROBBIE WHEATLEY: blossomed.

may be winning the league whilst for another club it may be avoiding relegation.

Many factors ought to be taken into account before determining the success or failure of a coach — money available for players, value in developing young players within the club, injuries, etc.

As in most other leagues in the world, clubs have to be realistic in their expectations.

Often, though, clubs

Success for one club

team in the bottom half of the table might be doing a far better job than a coach much higher up the league if these things are taken into account.

Looking at National League coaches at present, it's interesting to see the breakdown of the nationalities involved, with Scottish-born coaches dominating both Northern and Southern Divisions.

CROSS-SECTION OF NATIONALITIES OF COACHES IN BOTH DIVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

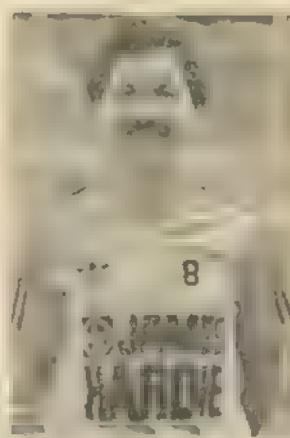
NATIONALITY	NORTHERN DIVISION	SOUTHERN DIVISION	TOTAL
SCOTTISH	4 EDDIE THOMSON WILLIE WALLACE WILLIE GALLAGHER ROY THOMSON	5 BILL MURRAY NEIL McGACHEY JIM HERMISTON JOHN GARDINER BOB McLACHLAN	9
ENGLISH	1 ADRIAN ALSTON	3 LEN MCKENDRY BRIAN GARVEY GORDON ARROWSMITH	4
YUGOSLAV	2 FRANK AROK VEDRAN ROZIC	2 DOM KAPETANOVIC ROCCO ILLE	4
GERMAN	2 MANFRED SCHAEFER LES SCHEINFUG		2
ITALIAN	1 FRANK MACCARONE		1
EGYPTIAN	1 FIL BOTTALICO		1
DUTCH	1 CASEY DE BRUIN		1
GREEK		1 JOHN MARGARITIS	1
POLISH		1 EDMUND KREFT	1

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RALE RASIC ON YOUTH LEAGUE

RALE RASIC has been through it all at top level and now he is director of coaching for the Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic Youth League teams.

But it seems for the 1974 World Cup coach that learning of junior matters in depth is quite fascinating indeed.

"The juniors are so professional that the entire set-up is astonishing," he said.

"Take Sutherland. They bring 300 people along to their Youth League games and they are so fair that they clap both teams when they turn on the goods.

"My club has a couple of Under 15 and 16 boys who are absolute freaks.

"I have told the club to discuss matters with their parents and sign them up on contracts."

PURPOSE

Rasic is bemused that circumstances have taken him back to Arlington Oval — the place where his predecessor as national coach, the late Joe Vlasits, began in Australia.

For Rasic, the purpose of soccer is to produce players for senior club teams.

Perhaps the full import of the entire junior structure and local club football isn't his scene.

But seeing Marconi's brilliant U16 players makes him feel that the Marconi club should get four or five youth team players from the group very shortly.

"Vieri finds it hard to communicate but if the players employ the technique he shows as a skills coach there will be no holding them," he believes.

Blacktown U13, under experienced David Lee, have real purpose and individual style, he says.

Rasic has no time for U13 coaches who encourage boys to shoot high into the net but do not impart individual skills.

"It only makes them retire from the game too early," he said.

CARE

Of Nepean, he reckons that if they take care of their youngsters they will not have to go to England for reinforcements.

Stan Ackerley, that great Apia Leichhardt and Socceroo full back, is on the job there.

Rasic is watching Tony Dakos, Vince Colaguri, Ali Reda, Paul Carter, Rob Catlin and a host of others move through the ranks.

The niche he has found could be the most constructive one he has found yet.



QUITE frankly we just don't get enough news on Victorian junior soccer.

So when this "devilish" logo from Wangaratta City Soccer Club came along, we just had to use it.

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FORMER national coach Rale Rasic tangles with a young player at a coaching camp.

WIDESPREAD QLD JUNIORS

ALTHOUGH there are still some weak spots that can be improved, Queensland's excellent organisation of zones has brought the benefits of state-wide cover for junior soccer.

Here is the playing strength for grades up to Under 18 in the various regions for 1985

ZONE	NAME	NUMBERS
1	Far North Qld	1,716
2	North Qld	3,668
3	Central Qld	2,306
4	Wide Bay	2,917
5	South West Qld	1,929
6	Brisbane South	5,952
7	North West Qld	468
8	Brisbane North	4,775
9	South East Qld	1,702
TOTAL		25,433

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



A TOTAL of \$1,000 in prizemoney is being awarded by leading Sydney polythene distributors Serderon Pty Ltd.

The split-up is a first prize of \$500, second \$250, third and fourth \$100 each and a consolation prize of \$50.

The prizes go to the five lucky junior associations, clubs, schools and soccer organisations who make the best contributions to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY over the publishing period this year to September 30.

Contribution can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white although colour snaps are usually satisfactory as well.

The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

JASON WRAPS IT ALL UP

YOUNG Jason Gribble was right on target when Central Coast U14s downed Southern Districts 6-0 on Saturday.

YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 7 GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Apia v Sydney Olympic	0-2	1-2	1-2	1-1
St George v Canterbury-M'ville	1-1	1-0	7-2	2-1
Illawarra v Nepean	3-3	2-2	2-0	0-4
Blacktown City v Sutherland	6-0	1-0	0-1	2-0
Marconi v Granville	2-0	3-0	6-0	0-2

GROUP B

	1-2	6-0	2-2	3-1
Central Coast v Southern Dist	1-2	6-0	2-2	3-1
Baukham Hills v Croatia	3-0	5-1	0-1	0-9
Manly v Gladesville	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-0
Nth Bankstown v Melita	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-5
Avala v Ku-ring-gai	2-1	1-2	1-2	3-1

GROUP C

	Rockdale v Macarthur	Blacktown v Bankstown	0-1	2-2	1-0	1-0	2-1
Campbelltown v Sydney City	0-0	0-3	2-9				
Bathurst v Sydney Yugal							
Rockdale v Canterbury							
Canterbury bye.							

in either half and Greg Erickson finished off a move that started outside the Demons penalty area and involved six players.

Sutherland were unlucky to strike Blacktown at their peak after a week in Narrabeen National Fitness Camp.



KINGSGROVE NTH 15 (Chris Kontis 7, Anthony Daniel 2, Theo Paraskevadis 2, Andrew Lang 2, Bill Platsekas 2) d GLEBE 0.

BEST PLAYERS

Kingstrove: Chris Kontis, Bill Platsekas, Andrew Lang.

Glebe: Damien Boyle.

MANLY-WARRINGAH are already culling through the 1985 Under 12 ranks to find Under 13 Youth League prospects for next season.

Coaches with boys with the right prospects can contact representative convenor Don Logan on 981 4841.

Manly this year is in Group B Youth League.

The 1985 squads are:

Under 16: Martin Alocock, Dean Bennell, Francis Cleary, Garth Hackshall, Richard Drane, Bradley Glasscock, Glen Green, Jones, Michael Lake, Ben Stephen Hoffman, Gregory Hunt, Sean Lodge, Robert Piper, Raymond Payne, Phillip Van Learen, Benny Willis, Derek Woodstone, Fred Verdun.

Under 15: Kevin Allen, Chris Dufflin, Steven Dabeinstein, Cameron Fox, Nathan Gibson, Bruce Harrison, Milan Jaglicic, Angus Keach, Michael Matinias, Ian Rockwell, Paul Rutten, Leonard Sorbar, Andrew Vale, Steven Wassell.

Under 14: Keith Bonner, Robert Chessel, Ivan

Richard Drane, Bradley Glasscock, Glen Green, Jones, Michael Lake, Ben Stephen Hoffman, Gregory Hunt, Sean Lodge, Robert Piper, Raymond Payne, Phillip Van Learen, Benny Willis, Derek Woodstone, Fred Verdun.

Under 13: Kevin Allen, Chris Dufflin, Steven

Dabeinstein, Cameron Fox, Nathan Gibson, Bruce Harrison, Milan Jaglicic, Angus

Keach, Michael Matinias, Ian Rockwell, Paul Rutten,

Leonard Sorbar, Andrew Vale, Steven Wassell.

Under 12: Kevin Allen, Chris Dufflin, Steven

Dabeinstein, Cameron Fox, Nathan Gibson, Bruce Harrison, Milan Jaglicic, Angus

Keach, Michael Matinias, Ian Rockwell, Paul Rutten,

Leonard Sorbar, Andrew Vale, Steven Wassell.

Under 11: Kevin Allen, Chris Dufflin, Steven

Dabeinstein, Cameron Fox, Nathan Gibson, Bruce Harrison, Milan Jaglicic, Angus

Keach, Michael Matinias, Ian Rockwell, Paul Rutten,

Leonard Sorbar, Andrew Vale, Steven Wassell.

Under 10: Kevin Allen, Chris Dufflin, Steven

Dabeinstein, Cameron Fox, Nathan Gibson, Bruce Harrison, Milan Jaglicic, Angus

Keach, Michael Matinias, Ian Rockwell, Paul Rutten,

Leonard Sorbar, Andrew Vale, Steven Wassell.

Under 9: Kevin Allen, Chris Dufflin, Steven

Dabeinstein, Cameron Fox, Nathan Gibson, Bruce Harrison, Milan Jaglicic, Angus

Keach, Michael Matinias, Ian Rockwell, Paul Rutten,

Leonard Sorbar, Andrew Vale, Steven Wassell.

Under 8: Kevin Allen, Chris Dufflin, Steven

Dabeinstein, Cameron Fox, Nathan Gibson, Bruce Harrison, Milan Jaglicic, Angus

Keach, Michael Matinias, Ian Rockwell, Paul Rutten,

Leonard Sorbar, Andrew Vale, Steven Wassell.

Under 7: Kevin Allen, Chris Dufflin, Steven

Dabeinstein, Cameron Fox, Nathan Gibson, Bruce Harrison, Milan Jaglicic, Angus

Keach, Michael Matinias, Ian Rockwell, Paul Rutten,

Leonard Sorbar, Andrew Vale, Steven Wassell.

Under 6: Kevin Allen, Chris Dufflin, Steven

Dabeinstein, Cameron Fox, Nathan Gibson, Bruce Harrison, Milan Jaglicic, Angus

Keach, Michael Matinias, Ian Rockwell, Paul Rutten,

Leonard Sorbar, Andrew Vale, Steven Wassell.

Under 5: Kevin Allen, Chris Dufflin, Steven

Dabeinstein, Cameron Fox, Nathan Gibson, Bruce Harrison, Milan Jaglicic, Angus

Keach, Michael Matinias, Ian Rockwell, Paul Rutten,

Leonard Sorbar, Andrew Vale, Steven Wassell.

Under 4: Kevin Allen, Chris Dufflin, Steven

Dabeinstein, Cameron Fox, Nathan Gibson, Bruce Harrison, Milan Jaglicic, Angus

Keach, Michael Matinias, Ian Rockwell, Paul Rutten,

Leonard Sorbar, Andrew Vale, Steven Wassell.

Under 3: Kevin Allen, Chris Dufflin, Steven

Dabeinstein, Cameron Fox, Nathan Gibson, Bruce Harrison, Milan Jaglicic, Angus

Keach, Michael Matinias, Ian Rockwell, Paul Rutten,

Leonard Sorbar, Andrew Vale, Steven Wassell

BIG BROTHER has at last made his move and has stamped his authority on football in Australia!

And before this statement sends people scurrying to lodge complaints with the department of civil liberties, let me first explain.

You see, it's not THAT Big Brother — the one you have to look over your shoulder for in places behind the Iron Curtain — but another Big Brother, one that is indeed a long-established and magnificent organisation in this country.

It's the Big Brother Movement Ltd — an Australian charity which was formed way back in 1925 with its purpose to sponsor migrant youth from Britain to settle them here in Australia.

And the latest wonderful gesture from this movement is to sponsor six young soccer players on a scholarship to the United Kingdom.

PANEL

In conjunction with the ASF and NSW Soccer Federation, the movement will send the chosen six to spend six weeks to six months — (the time will be of their own choice) to leading clubs in Scotland or England.

The total sum of sponsorship is \$18,000, with each of the chosen youngsters receiving \$3,000 towards his airfare and incidental expenses.

The selection panel to pick the six lucky fellows is Sydney City coach and assistant national coach Eddie Thomson, Australian Institute of Sport and national Youth coach Jim Shoulder, NSW state director of coaching Alan Vest and NSW Federation member Eric Arneil.

The winners were selected by the panel after last week's Under 18 National Championships at Parklea.

BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU(TH)!

BY TOM ANDERSON

The players who will comprise Australia's team for the 1987 World Youth Championship played in this series and no doubt the six lucky lads who go to Britain will be in the 1987 national Youth squad.

The man behind this brand new soccer sponsorship is an identity well known to the soccer fraternity in Sydney.

He's the chairman of the Big Brother Movement — Jock McAusland LIB, FTIA. McAusland is a member of the NSW Soccer Federation and played with Melita Eagles, as have his younger brothers David and Colin.

Colin is still a member of the Melita first team.

KINSHIP

Now a well-known city lawyer, Jock McAusland was brought to Australia by the Big Brother Movement in 1963.

On the announcement of the sponsorship, McAusland said that the Big Brother Movement Award Scheme was designed to strengthen the bonds of kinship between the United Kingdom and Australia.

"These soccer scholarships we have

introduced are just part of our Award Scheme to give young Australians the chance to further their careers in the United Kingdom," he said.

"We can only hope that it turns out to be a big success and that it will continue on an annual basis.

"When the present Federal Government put a stop to the Big Brother Movement Ltd operating in the field of immigration in 1983, we decided to develop an Award Scheme and so far we have sent 40 young Australians to Britain to further their careers or interests.

"Included in this 40 were an ice-skater, 10 from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, 10 from the Canberra College of Art and a number from the Australian School of Ballet.

GRATEFUL

"We are now very proud to add six of Australia's outstanding young soccer players to this distinguished list."

The Big Brother Movement spends in excess of \$200,000 annually on its Award Scheme and also uses its funds generously in financially supporting such youth and children charities as Dr Barnardos, Save the Children Fund, Foster Parents Plan and Legacy.

ASF President Sir Arthur George said that soccer was grateful to the Big Brother Movement for its generous sponsorship.

"This will further the soccer education of six of our finest young players and help strengthen the future of the game in this country," Sir Arthur said.

"A wonderful conception and one that will bear great dividends," was the opinion of assistant national coach Eddie Thomson.

The ASF and NSW Federation will introduce the successful award winners to leading English and Scottish senior clubs where they will stay on their own discretion.

If these new soccer scholarship awards prove to be successful, it will be the forerunner of a long association between the Big Brother Movement and Australian soccer.

Apart from further developing their soccer education, the scholarships are designed to produce young players who will be good ambassadors for the game and for Australia.

This will give more young players the chance to learn the finer arts of the game at top professional level and the Big Brother Movement has to be applauded for its decision.

MAROONS' REVENGE

QUEENSLAND.....2 NSW.....1

QUEENSLAND's Youth team revenged the recent loss of their senior counterparts when they defeated New South Wales 2-1 in the final of the National Under 18 Championships at Parklea on Friday.

The even nature of the match was indicated by the half-time 1-1 scoreline, with Queensland's winning goal scored from the penalty spot midway through the second half.

Queensland, coached by Bruce Stowell and Col Bennett, showed their true colours after a disappointing start to the tournament when they conceded five goals to Northern NSW.

They scraped into top spot in their group and thus qualified for the final when they defeated the previously impressive Victorian side 3-1.

In the final, Queensland opened strongly and scored after only four minutes.

NSW goalkeeper Dragan Pupovac was

BY BRAD EARL

placed under pressure outside his penalty area by Jarrod Austin. Pupovac's attempted clearance hit Austin and the rebound was stabbed into the empty goal by Lindsay Dines.

This was typical of the hard-running efforts of Austin, who continually pressurised the NSW defence.

After Queensland had the run of play for the first 20 minutes, NSW came more into the game and deservedly pegged back the deficit.

Their equalising goal was scored by striker Scott Ollerenshaw in the 31st minute when he got his head to a free-



kick swung in from the left sideline by Jason Van Blerk.

After an even period at the start of the second half, Queensland eventually took the upper hand.

NSW's defence tired as Queensland challenged strongly and with 10 minutes to go Queensland caught the NSW back-line out

with a breakaway attack.

A long ball was played into the path of Queensland left midfielder Alfie Catalano, who pushed the ball past the last defender.

Goalkeeper Pupovac came out but fouled Catalano to concede a penalty, and Dines made no mistake from the spot.

For Queensland, James Hermiston and Dominic Tonel were in control in defence and Anthony Sommerville and Jason Polak were outstanding in midfield.

NSW's captain, left-back Paul Quaraby,

ABOVE: THE victorious Queensland side line up after their National Championship win, with coach Bruce Stowell standing at left and assistant Col Bennett at right.
PHOTOS: TREVOR DALEY

led his team well in a good all-round performance.

NSW: Pupovac; Barrett, Quaraby, Edmunds, Moffatt; Parson (George 65), Brown (Carmona 74), Gale, Van Blerk; Ollerenshaw, Shute.

QLD: Bell; Pearce, Darlington, Hermiston, Tonel; Sommerville, Polak, Catalano; Koch, Austin (Meredith 52), Dines.

REFEREE: D. Mortimer.

ALL THE RESULTS:

TUESDAY: NNSW 5 Qld 2; Vic 4 Tas 1; SA 2 WA 0; NSW 4 ACT 0.
WEDNESDAY: Qld 4 Tas 0; Vic 2 NNSW 0; ACT 3 SA 1; NSW 2 WA 1.
THURSDAY: NNSW 2 Tas 0; Qld 3 Vic 1; SA 1 NSW 1; WA 1 ACT 0.
PLAY-OFFS: ACT 2 Tas 0; NNSW 1 WA 0; SA 3 Vic 1; Qld 2 NSW 1.

FINAL PLACINGS:

1. Qld; 2. NSW; 3. SA; 4. Vic; 5. NNSW; 6. WA; 7. ACT; 8. Tas

BATTLE OVER REFEREES

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation's decision to press for former International and National League referee Doug Rennie to handle the NSW Country v Victoria state U16 match has caused a furore.

The game will be held in Albury on July 14 along with the U13, U14 and U15 grades.

Obviously the AASRF had no objection to Mr Rennie covering the game.

Their president, Brian Fowler, said: "We asked for nominations generally so that we could be fair to all who wish to apply."

"Doug might go anyway, but that is not the point. Local referees should also have the chance to apply."

Delegates drawn from 12 referees' associations attended the recent meeting held in Harden.

AASRF secretary Ron Beaumont said: "The appointment board will make the decision but country referees have little opportunity to officiate at these games and should be considered."

Albury-Wodonga Referees' secretary Mrs Pat Mueller said: "I feel we have qualified referees here in our midst."

FRANK FINLAY

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NEW SOUTH WALES on the attack against Queensland (all white with dark sleeves) in the U16 final. Queensland won 2-1.

WARNERS BAY UNBEATEN IN NEW ZEALAND

A FINE cultural exchange and hospitality proved an excellent mix when Warners Bay High School schoolgirls' squad enjoyed a successful New Zealand tour.

Many garage sales and lamington drives provided the wherewithal and, as the Hunter Region's Rudy Roth Trophy winners, Warners Bay had every reason to be confident.

On the field they defeated Hillcrest High 3-1, Sacred Heart Hamilton 3-2, Fairfield

College Hamilton (the New Zealand national champions) 5-1, Pukekohe High 4-0, while in the final game on a quagmire, they were held by Howick College to a 0-0 draw.

Highlights of the tour included a traditional Maori welcome by the students'

culture group at Fairfield College, Rotorua and the Whakarewarewa thermal area, the Agrodome, Rainbow Springs, Waimangu Valley, Maori concert with hangi, the farm life, a deer farm and a visit to the Maori boys school of St Stephens, where the lads gave an exciting

Maori performance.

As an educational experience and a sporting activity, coach Paul Freeman and the girls rate it definitely "Five Star".

— BILL TURNER



FOREST RANGERS 'THINK PINK'

THE "Think Pink" competition, on the South Coast of NSW, this year saw the entry of Sydney heavyweights Forest Rangers (formerly Arncliffe Scots) and Epping, their long-time rivals.

Because this competition, consisting of two divisions, is run over one day, the matches are played with 12 minute halves and no breaks.

The strong Epping side were surprisingly bundled out of a place in the finals, with their sister team getting through to take on Forest Rangers.

The final was played over 20 minute halves with five minutes for a break.

The Epping A side, coached by Lal Byers, did well to hold the stronger Forest team to a 2-0 scoreline.

The Forest team did not concede a solitary goal, due to a most welcome return of Jan Hudson in goals and the outstanding performance of Toni McMahon, former Australian goalkeeper, who played as a sweeper.

In the second division final, it looked all over as the Vulcans hit the front with a nice goal from Angie Edwards.

But Oak Flats came back with a vengeance and ripped in two quick goals from Lisa Jones.

A very pleasant day was had by all teams,

CANBERRA PRIMARY CARNIVAL

THE Australian Capital Territory is excelling at schoolgirls' soccer with 60 teams competing at primary and secondary level.

On Wednesday, June 12, the Primary Girls Inter-District Carnival will be played on the magnificent Polygrass field at the Australian Institute of Sport.

The matches will be played crossfield, which means a 75 x 55 metre playing pitch.

The games are nine-a-side and five substitutes are allowed per game.

The girls play in sandals, corners are taken 10 metres out from the nearest goalpost and goalkeepers have a roving commission within their own half.

Behind the scenes is convenor Chris Kunz, from Maribyrnong School, and ACT Primary sports co-ordinator, Helen Wilner.

The eight ACT major districts represented are Belconnen, Ginninderra, Gungahlin, North Canberra, South Canberra, Tuggeranong, Weston Creek and Woden.

MITRE are proud to be sponsors of the Australian women's international Soccer team



LIBBY MARSHALL (left) breaking through a challenge when her school Warners Bay defeated the New Zealand champions 5-1 in New Zealand. Seven of the Newcastle girls represented their city in an American tour at Under 14 level the previous year.



WARNERS BAY GIRLS:

Back Row: Mrs Kay Freeman, Kelly Job, Jody Connolly, Libby Marshall, Julie Richards, Cheryl Freeman, Bev Wyatt, Lisa Freeman, Danielle Cunningham, Joanne Dumbrell, Mr Paul Freeman.

Front Row: Tamara Sinclair, Belinda Haugh, Michelle Moore, Christine Beveridge, Elizabeth Beveridge, Peta Whitehead, Sharon Roworth, Joy Wyatt.

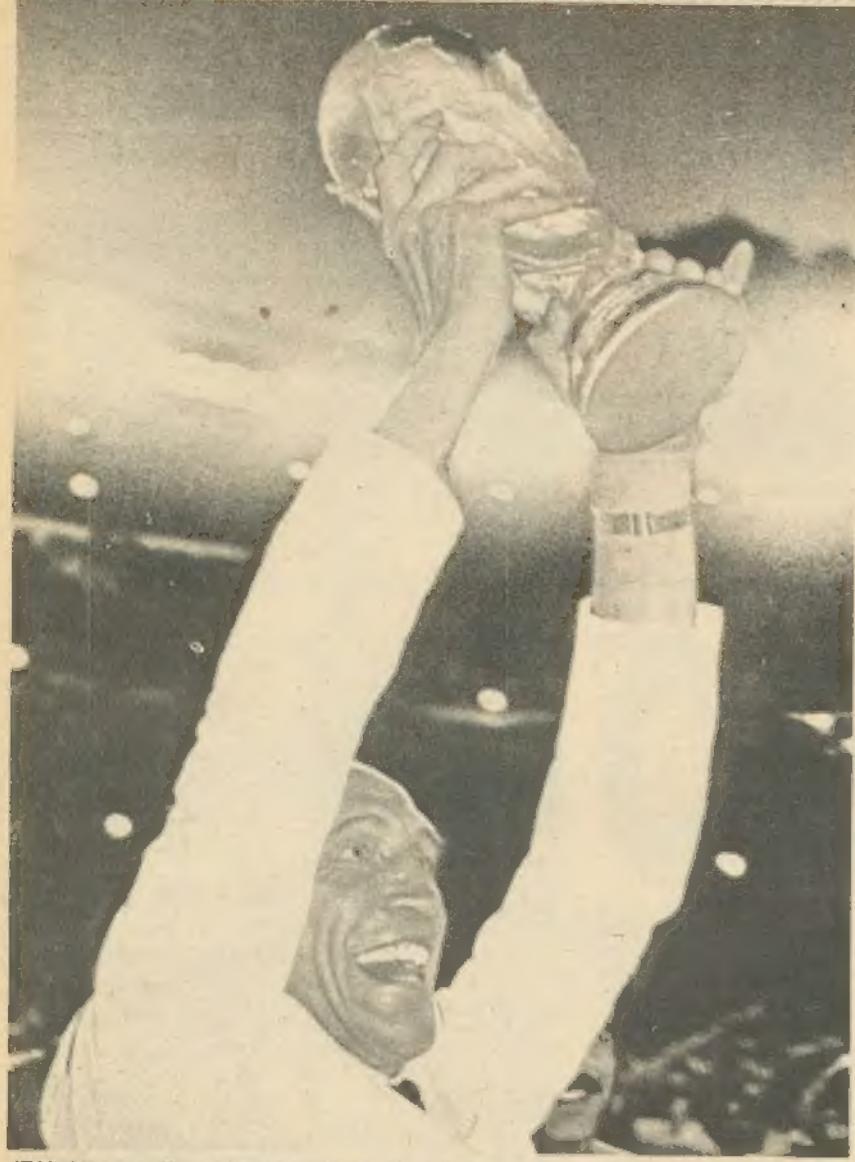
AUSTRALIA'S 1984 WOMEN'S SQUAD



BACK ROW: Heather Reid (manageress), Fred Robins (assistant coach), Kerry Millman, Jane Oakley, Rose Van Bruinessen, Renaye Iseriel, Kristen Thelle, Lisa Dunne, Jim Selby (coach), Bill Fenney (physio).

MIDDLE ROW: Debbie Bonshore, Tracey Singleton, Julie Dolan (captain), Susan Monteath (vice-captain), Kim Dunlop, Vicki Salmon.

FRONT ROW: Joanne Millman, Mandi Langhaar, Margaret Petrov, Leigh Wardell.



ITALIAN boss Enzo Bearzot with the 1982 World Cup.

BEARZOT'S MEXICO WARNING

ENZO BEARZOT, national coach of Italy, claims physical football, with emphasis on strength and fitness, cannot win the World Cup in Mexico.

Bearzot says players will have to conserve their strength due to the high altitude and heat and older players might be more successful than less experienced youngsters.

Kevin Keegan wrote the same thing recently in the SYDNEY SUN.

ITALIANS LAY DOWN THE LAW

ITALY is getting tough over the release of its foreign stars for international matches for their own countries.

Antonio Matarress, president of the Italian Football League, says no players will be released until the domestic season is over.

Brazil tried to get Zico and Edinho, Peru wanted Borbadillo and Argentina tried to get Maradona, Passarella and Bertoni.

Matarress claims training sessions and friendly fixtures are not genuine reasons for Italian clubs to lose their star imported players.

One, however, got through the net.

Urbe left Cagliari to return to Peru for training and matches with the Peruvian national side.



PASSARELLA

A REAL VICTORY FOR MADRID

THE Videoton bubble has burst — and followers of Hungarian football, who hoped for a national revival at club level, can forget all about Videoton winning this year's UEFA Cup.

In the first leg of the Cup Final, Real Madrid travelled to Szekesfehervar in Hungary and achieved a convincing 3-0 win, which surely ended Videoton's chances of a major trophy.

Miguel opened the scoring for the Spaniards after 33 minutes and the other two goals came from Santillana and Juanito in the closing quarter-hour.

Videoton were completely outclassed by a Madrid side which has trailed well behind old rival Barcelona all through the season.

It now seems the return leg in Bernabeu Stadium is only a formality.

Nobody played better for Real than the veteran German sweeper Uli Stielike, who is rumoured to be leaving Madrid soon.

Videoton had only one chance worth mentioning when Gyoso Burcsa struck the Madrid upright early in the match.



ULI STIELIKE: outstanding for Real Madrid.



N'KOMO IS IN STRIFE

THOMAS N'KOMO, Cameroon's brilliant goalkeeper, may never represent his country again.

N'Komo plays in Spain for Espanol, the "other" club in Barcelona, but he is having great difficulty getting a release for international matches.

His deputy in Cameroon, Antoine Bell is playing exceptionally well.

CHEEKY GREEK TACTIC

NORMAN HUNTER, former Leeds United and England midfielder, was well-known as "Norman Bites Yer Legs" because of a regularly featured TV sign carried by one of his fans.

Panathinaikos, the Greek champions, now have a new version of a phantom biter.

When Panathinaikos played Liverpool at Anfield, Sammy Lee claims one of the Greek players bit him in a very embarrassing place.

Juan Rocha allegedly sunk his molars into Lee's backside.

Liverpool players have given him the title of "Juan Bites Yer Bum Rocha."

Sammy Lee insisted that, in the return match in Athens, he had no intention of turning the other cheek!

'PLAY FAIR' — HAVELANGE

JOAO HAVELANGE, president of FIFA, is going to issue a stern warning to all clubs to make fair play their number one priority.

FIFA is upset about many reports from all over the world indicating an increase in player and spectator misbehaviour.

Havelange hopes the Mexico World Cup will present to the world the good side of the game, not its ugly side.

It is worth recalling that, before the last World Cup in Spain, FIFA drew up a document and asked presidents of national associations to sign it.

The text was: "Violence distorts and disgraces sport. We are going to play the World Cup watched by millions of spectators."

"We are aware of our responsibilities and undertake to play with respect for the Laws, the referees and our opponents. We shall do our utmost to ensure that the World Cup will be a display of manly conduct and a triumph for football."

CHECK ON AGES

TEAMS competing in the first World Under 16 Championship have been warned by FIFA to stick strictly to the age guidelines.

Boys qualified to play must have been born on August 1, 1968 or later.

If FIFA discovers any fiddling on players' ages, the national association involved will be suspended from all FIFA activities for two years.

So one bit of cheating with an U16 player

would see the senior national team from that country kicked out of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

ORECO, who was in Brazil's successful 1958 World Cup squad, died of a heart attack in a veterans' match with only five minutes to play.

RODOLFO RODRIGUEZ set a new record for international appearances for Uruguay.

He has now played 70 times for the national team, once more than Angel Romano.

FORSTER SACKED

STUTTGART shocked many people by deciding to sell their outstanding player, Berndt Forster.

Forster has played 32 times for West Germany and was prominent in the World Cup in Spain. He was credited with inspiring Stuttgart to the Bundesliga championship last season.

Stuttgart, desperately trying to pay their bills, offered Forster a new contract containing a 40 per cent cut in wages.

The player replied: "I'm bitterly disappointed at being made a scapegoat. I cannot work here under these circumstances."

He is rated one of the world's top defenders, but Stuttgart are struggling in the league and crowds are well down on the previous year ... hence the economy cuts.

UK Scene

DALGLISH FOR THE TOP JOB?

JOE FAGAN is not a young man and, for this reason, there is already a lot of talk about who will succeed Joe as boss of the fabulously successful Liverpool.

Ronnie Moran, yet another of the Liverpool backroom boys and currently trainer of the first team, is a natural choice but there are other tips.

Graeme Souness, now playing with Sampdoria in Italy (when he's not suspended) has come up with an interesting name ... Kenny Dalglish.

Souness believes Dalglish would be an ideal choice. He feels this appointment may have been in directors' minds when they offered the great Scot a new four-year contract at 33 years of age.



KENNY DALGLISH

It seems Liverpool want to keep Dalglish at Anfield.

GARY THE GORILLA!

FIRST DIVISION forwards will come up against one of football's toughest centre-halves when they play promoted Oxford next season.

His name is Gary Briggs. He is described as a 6 ft 3 ins gorilla who eats legs — particularly if they belong to opposing centre-forwards!

Briggs is one of the heroes of Oxford's promotion effort, although he was disillusioned enough six years ago to think of quitting football to pound the beat as a policeman.

That was when Briggs was with Middlesbrough. He was getting nowhere so he applied for forms to enter the Yorkshire constabulary.

Middlesbrough sent him to Oxford on loan, since then Briggs has never looked back.

He has graduated from Third to First Division and will play against Liverpool, Manchester United and the other glamour teams in 1985-86.

But Briggs still has his size 10 feet on the ground.

"I've still got the police forms at home — just in case I have another bad spell," he said.

"Right now everything is great, but you never know in this game, do you?"

PLEA FOR NEW HOME

PROMOTED Oxford's chairman Robert Maxwell is very unhappy with the city council.

While Maxwell and the players were celebrating their move up to First Division, he accused the council of ruining the greatest moment in the club's history.

He said: "Oxford City Council said they'll have a civic reception to mark our achievement, but we will refuse to attend. We want a firm commitment on a new ground — or financial support to improve the present one."



DOC GOES DOWN WITH A SMILE

TOMMY DOCHERTY continues to get a laugh out of the worst season his club, Wolverhampton Wanderers, can ever remember.

Interviewed last week, The Doc produced the following gems:

"We've only got peanuts to pay for players and for that you get monkeys."

"I tried to sign one of those Vietnamese boat people. He said he'd like to join Wolves but he'd already left one sinking ship."

"Derek Dougan told me my letter of application for the Wolves job was the worst the club received. I told him that if I'd listed all my clubs, the season would have been over before the letter was completed."

"Somebody's been pinching players' boots from the dressing room. I wish he'd bring the boots back and take some of the players."

"When Wolves appointed me, the directors said they couldn't give me any money to buy players. They've kept their promise."

ALWAYS IN TROUBLE

LEEDS UNITED have a player who seems bent on creating some sort of a disciplinary record.

His name is Ian Baird. He has been cautioned 13 times this season and suspended three times.

He has 44 disciplinary points against his name.

"Ian is an enthusiastic boy — he always goes for the ball," says Leeds assistant manager Jimmy Lumsden.

Leeds are now appealing for "a square deal for Baird."

ALL THE WEEKEND ACTION FROM BRITAIN

LIVES LOST IN FIRE

THE dreadful tragedy at Bradford City, in which many people lost their lives as fire swept through the timber grandstand, overshadowed all else in British soccer over the weekend.

Minister of Sport Neil McFarlane is expected to make a statement in the House of Commons today, but it appears obvious the disaster will lead to another essential inspection of all grounds.

Many of Britain's stadiums are 100 years old and the ancient wooden stands are obvious fire hazards.

There were 10,000 spectators in the Valley Parade ground where Bradford City were playing Lincoln City when the fire broke out just before half-time. The match was abandoned.

In the First Division, the relegation puzzle is still not sorted out, although it does appear the East Anglian neighbours Norwich City and Ipswich Town are the two most vulnerable to join Stoke City and Sunderland in Second Division next year.

After being beaten 2-1 at Southampton on Saturday, Coventry City are third from bottom, although with four matches still to play they should climb to safety.

Everton's magnificent 28-match undefeated run ended in a 1-0 loss at Nottingham Forest where the goalscorer was Garry Birtles, but Everton shed no tears.

They have more important matches ahead — next Saturday's FA Cup Final against Manchester United and the midweek Cup Winners Cup Final against Rapid Vienna in Rotterdam.

Everton have won the First Division title but it is anybody's guess who will be runners-up. Manchester United, Spurs and Liverpool are all in the running.

Manchester City are back where they belong, promoted to the First Division along with Oxford and Birmingham City.

The Maine Road team slaughtered Charlton 5-1 to make sure they would be going up to join the elite.

Aberdeen's bid to create a new points record in the Scottish Premier Division was successful.

The Dons went to Greenock to play Morton and returned home with a 2-1 victory.

This gave Aberdeen 59 points, a tremendous achievement.

Rangers, giants of the past, had a terrible season, ending their programme in miserable fashion with a defeat at the hands of the unranked Hibernian.

HEATH MUST WAIT

ONE important Everton player who has no hope of playing his part in the team's exciting wind-up to the season is Adrian Heath.

At Goodison Park on December 1 last year, at precisely 3.25 pm, Heath recalls a late tackle from a Sheffield Wednesday opponent gave him one of the worst injuries a footballer could suffer.

He finished up with torn knee ligaments and has no hope of playing again until the star of next season.

"I knew I had a horrific injury. Now I'm missing out on the most wonderful period in Everton's history," said Heath.

When he was in-



ADRIAN HEATH

jured, Heath was top of Everton's goalscorers and on the brink of England's international side.

Heath has since discussed his problem with team-mates Andy Gray and Peter Reid, both of whom also came back from long lay-offs with bad injuries, and they have helped him with consoling advice.

PAUL GOES BACK

ENGLAND forward Paul Mariner could enjoy a new career as a defender in his late years with Arsenal.

In a recent match, Mariner stood in for injured David O'Leary at centre-half and played a blinder.

"I'm tempted to let Paul carry on in defence because he played well and really enjoyed the experience," said Arsenal boss Don Howe.

EXETER SACKS ILEY

EXETER CITY, in the lower regions of the Fourth Division, have sacked another manager.

This time the axe fell on Jim Ley, who in his playing days, was a very good creative midfielder with Sheffield United and Spurs.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Walsall	46	18	13	15	58	52	67
Bournemouth	45	18	11	16	54	46	65
Rotherham	46	18	11	17	55	55	65
Brentford	45	16	13	15	51	53	61
Doncaster	46	17	8	21	72	74	59
Plymouth	46	15	14	17	62	65	57
Wigan	44	15	13	16	58	58	58
Bolton	46	16	6	24	69	75	54
Newport	45	13	15	19	55	55	64
Lincoln	45	11	17	17	50	51	50
Burnley	46	11	13	22	60	73	46
Orient	46	11	13	22	51	76	45
Swansea	45	12	10	23	53	80	46
Preston	46	13	7	26	51	100	46
Cambridge	46	4	9	33	37	95	21

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfield	46	26	13	7	64	35	91
Blackpool	45	24	14	8	73	39	86
Bury	46	24	12	10	76	50	84
Darlington	45	23	13	9	65	49	82
Hartlepool	46	22	11	13	65	47	77
Tranmere	46	24	3	19	83	66	55
Colchester	46	20	14	12	87	65	74
Swindon	46	21	9	16	62	58	67
Scunthorpe	46	19	14	13	83	62	71
Crewe	46	18	12	16	65	69	66
Peterborough	46	16	14	16	54	53	62
Port Vale	46	14	18	14	61	59	60
Manfield	45	13	18	14	40	36	57
Aldershot	45	16	8	21	51	63	56
Wrexham	46	15	7	22	67	70	54
Chester	46	15	9	22	60	72	54
Exeter	46	13	14	19	57	79	55
Hartlepool	46	14	10	22	54	67	52
Rochdale	44	12	14	18	53	63	50
Southend	46	13	11	22	58	63	50
Hallifax	46	15	5	26	42	69	59
Stockport	46	13	8	25	58	79	47
Northampton	46	14	5	27	53	74	47
Torquay	45	9	14	28	62	61	41

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	36	27	6	8	59	26	93
Dundee	36	22	8	6	67	30	52
Dundee Utd	36	20	7	9	57	33	47
Rangers	36	13	12	11	47	38	38
St Mirren	36	17	4	15	51	56	38
Dundee	36	15	7	14	48	50	37
Hearts	36	13	5</				